



2002 Annual Report

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January 2, 2003

The Honorable George Ryan
Governor of Illinois
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois

Members of the Senate
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois

Members of the
House of Representatives
Stratton Building
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor Ryan and Members of the General Assembly:

In accordance with the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/1 et seq.), the Illinois Department of Agriculture is charged with the preparation and dissemination of an annual report that describes the activities of county boards regarding the creation, alteration, termination, or dissolution of Agricultural Conservation and Protection Areas (also known as Ag Areas) throughout Illinois. The report also summarizes the total number of Ag Areas adopted since passage of the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act, effective July 1, 1980.

County board members have the authority to establish Ag Areas for the purpose of protecting the local agricultural land base from needless conversion. Ag Areas also afford protection to agricultural producers when faced with problems related to nuisance ordinances and unfair benefit assessments. Adoption of an Ag Area by a county board represents a long-term commitment to the protection of agriculture.

We respectfully submit the 2002 Agricultural Areas Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra K Rolando". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sandy Rolando
Acting Director

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Enclosure

cc: Warren Goetsch, IDA

AGRICULTURAL AREAS

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The Illinois Department of Agriculture, pursuant to the *Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act (505 ILCS 5/20.1)*, is required to prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on the location and size of all agricultural areas (also known as Ag Areas) created, modified, or dissolved during the past year.

The Agricultural Areas Summary lists the 23 counties with local county board approved Ag Areas. This chart itemizes the number of Ag Areas in participating counties, along with their respective acres, and summarizes the total number of acres in approved Ag Areas throughout the state.

There were no changes in the Ag Area totals for the 2002 calendar year. The 2002 Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois chart reflects the same totals as those for calendar year 2001.

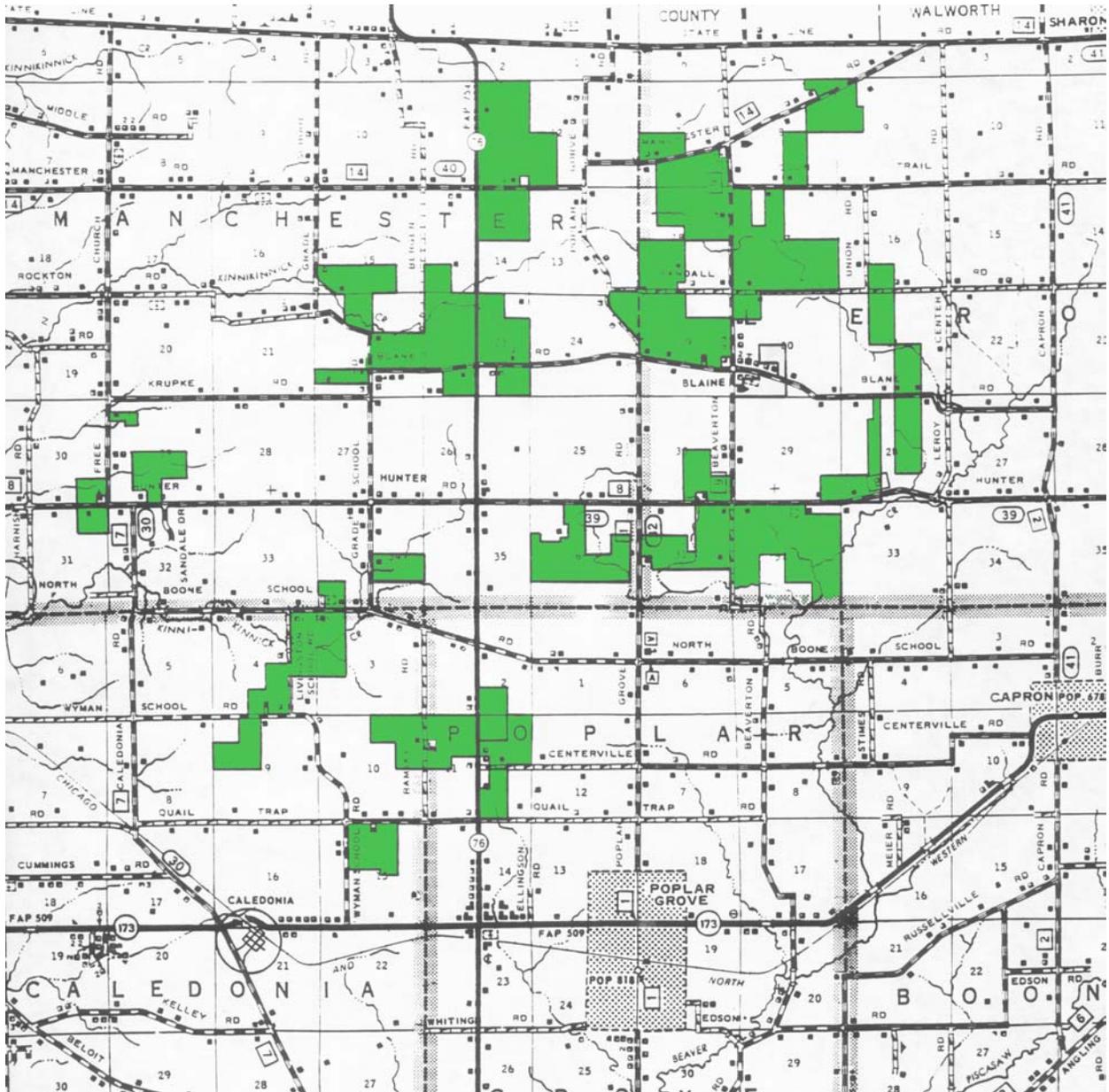
Following the 2002 Summary of Agricultural Areas chart, in alphabetical order, are maps delineating the 55 Ag Areas in the participating 23 counties. A total of 118,964 acres are currently enrolled in Ag Areas in Illinois.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Summary of Agricultural Areas in Illinois
 December 31, 2002

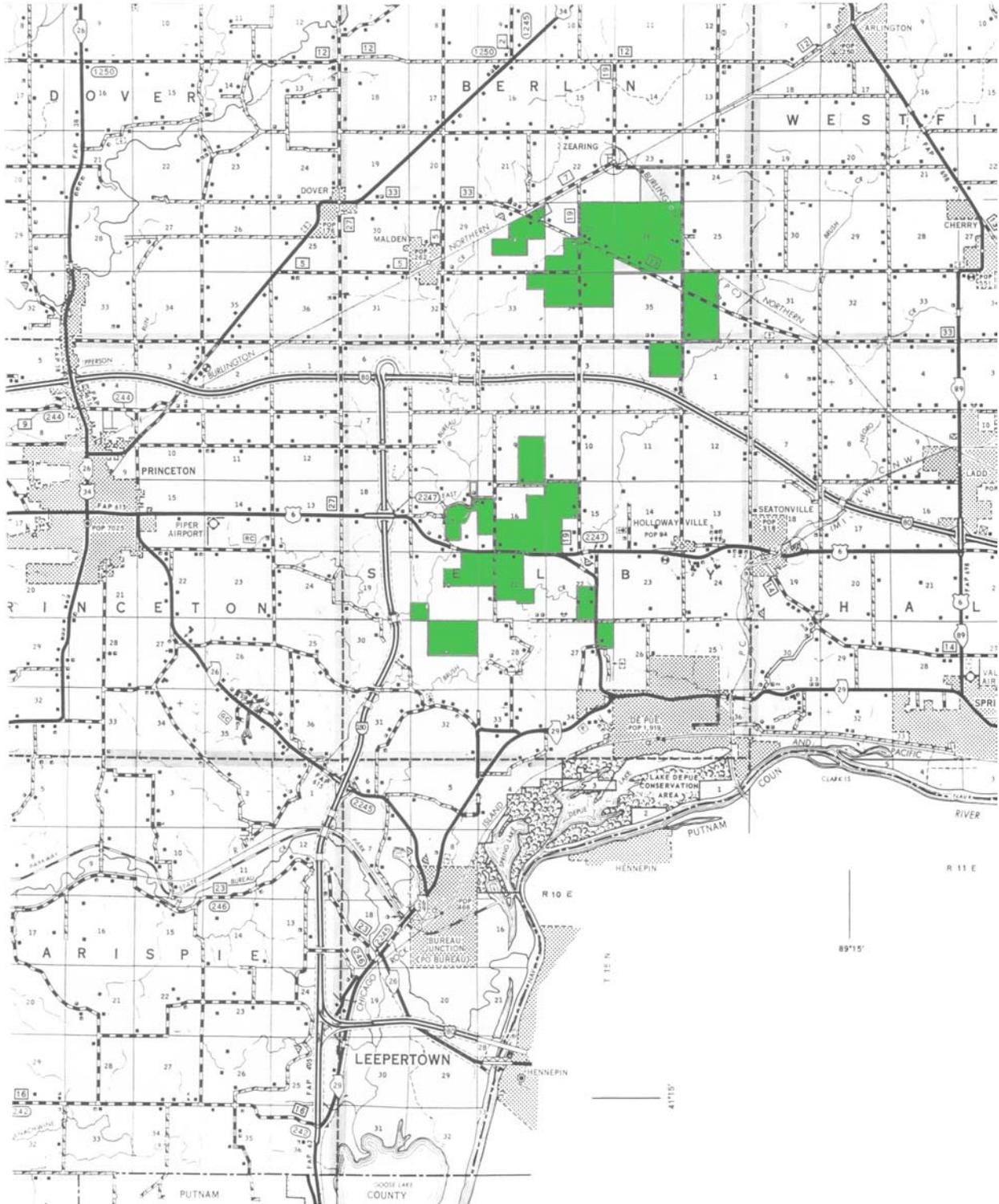
<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Ag Areas</u>	<u>Acres in each Ag Area</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
Boone	2	1111, 4743	5,854
Bureau	2	1962, 1969	3,931
DeKalb	1	710	710
Effingham	1	561	561
Fulton	1	1915	1,915
Henry	8	1982, 2480, 2635, 3097, 6751, 3129, 353, 2308	22,735
Jersey	2	10,201; 9678	19,879
Kane	1	600	600
Kendall	2	360, 400	760
Knox	1	1735	1,735
LaSalle	4	659, 1220, 587, 1866	4,332
Macon	1	1693	1,693
Madison	2	1400, 1277	2,677
Marshall	5	1014, 1238, 762, 1931, 467	5,412
Massac	2	500, 3199	3,699
McHenry	9	2518, 795, 2078, 892, 6782, 802, 4466, 2048, 415	20,796
Ogle	1	429	429
Peoria	3	393, 1567, 589	2,549
Putnam	3	1046, 4400, 1882	7,328
Randolph	1	6903	6,903
Sangamon	1	377	377
Tazewell	1	3620	3,620
Will	1	469	469
23 Counties	55 Ag Areas		118,964 ac

353 Acres - Smallest Ag Area
10,201 Acres - Largest Ag Area

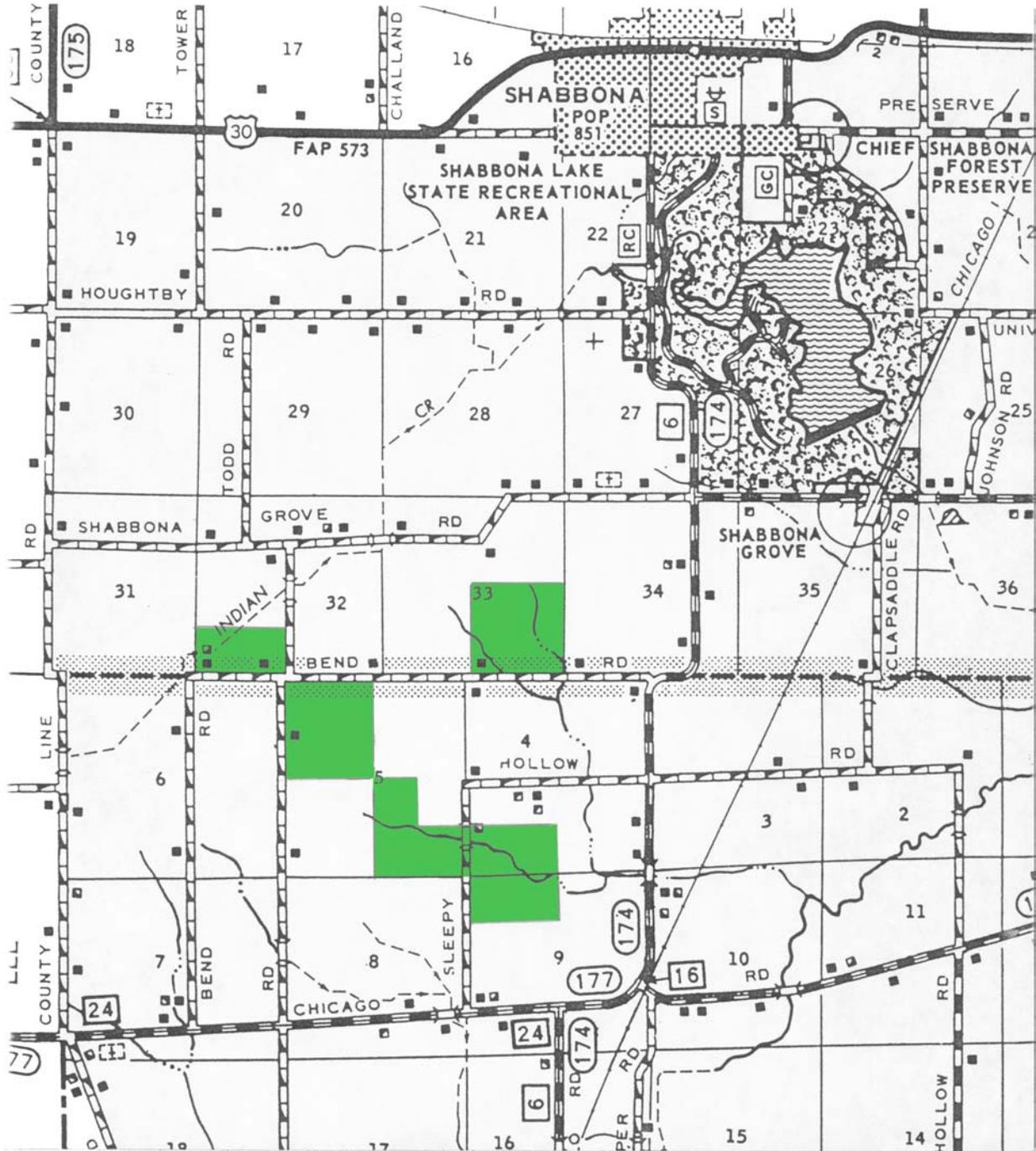
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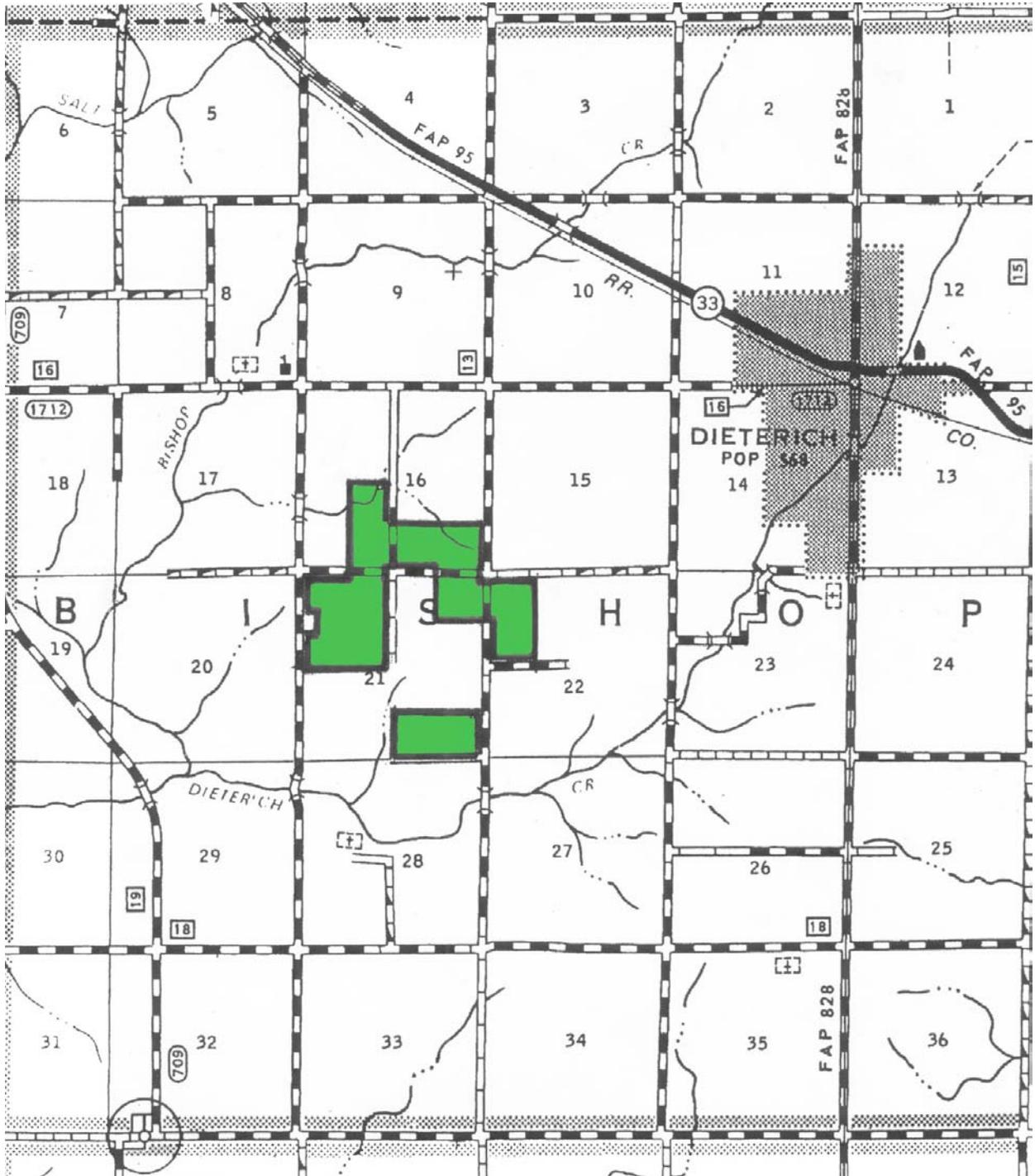
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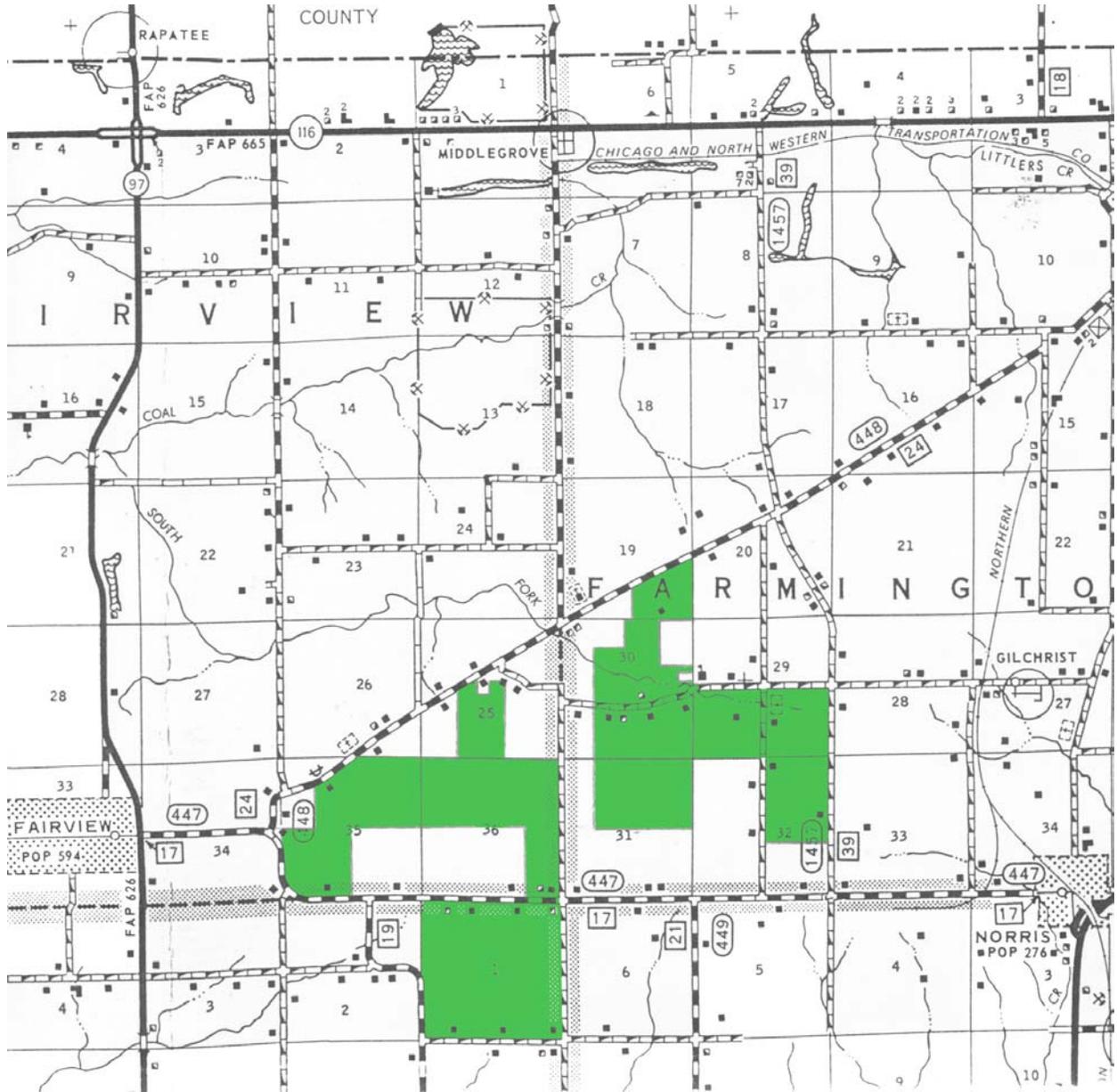
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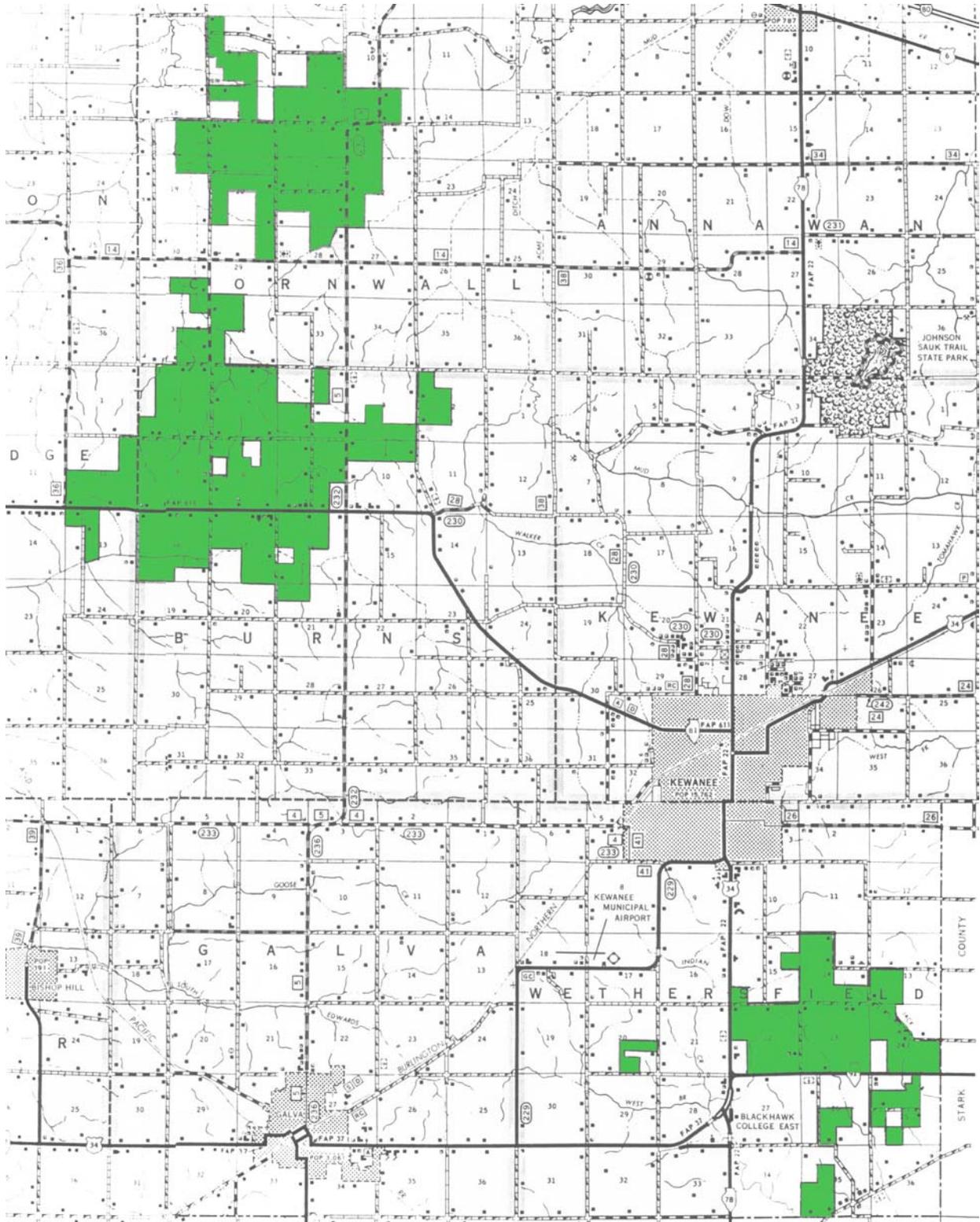
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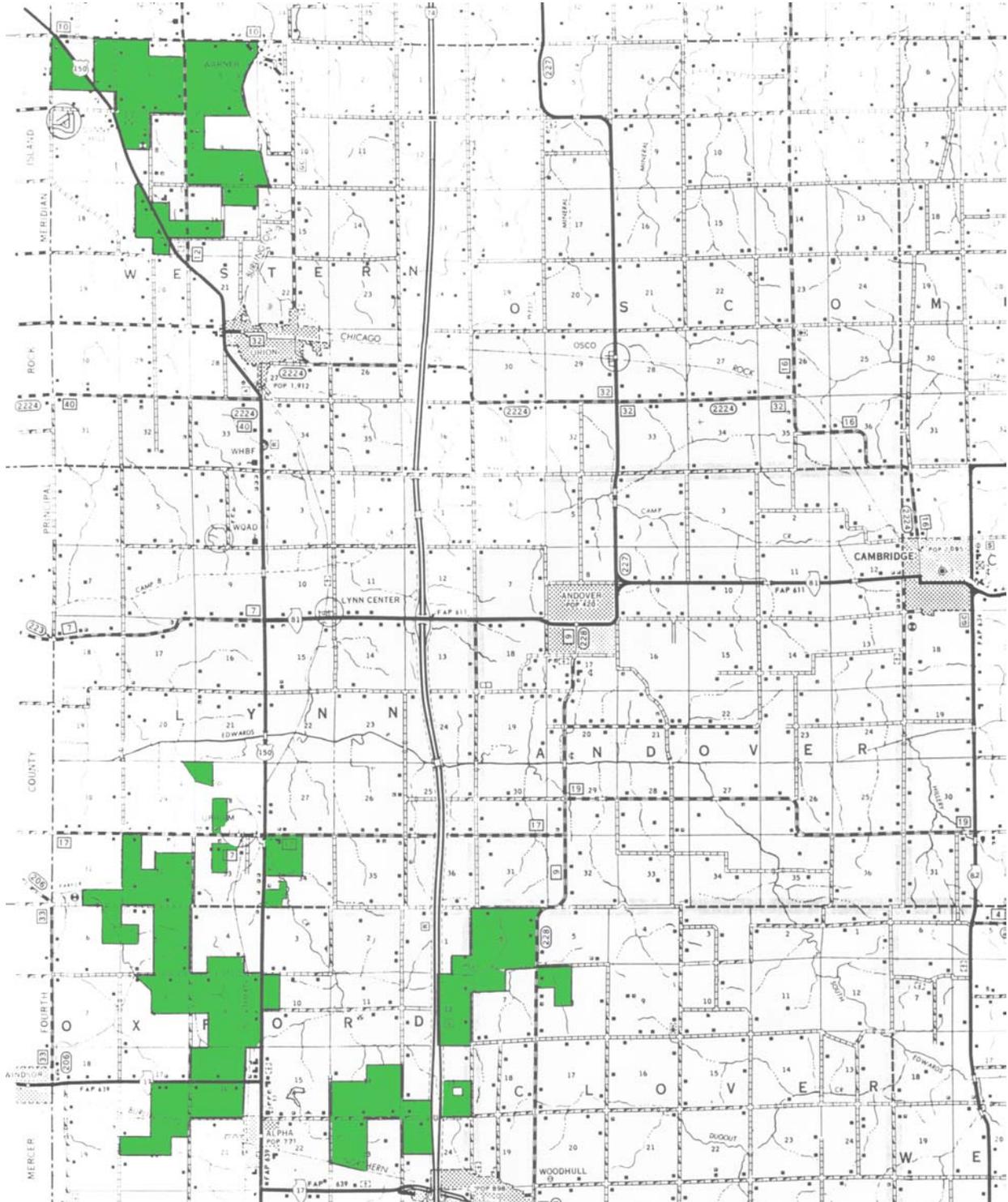
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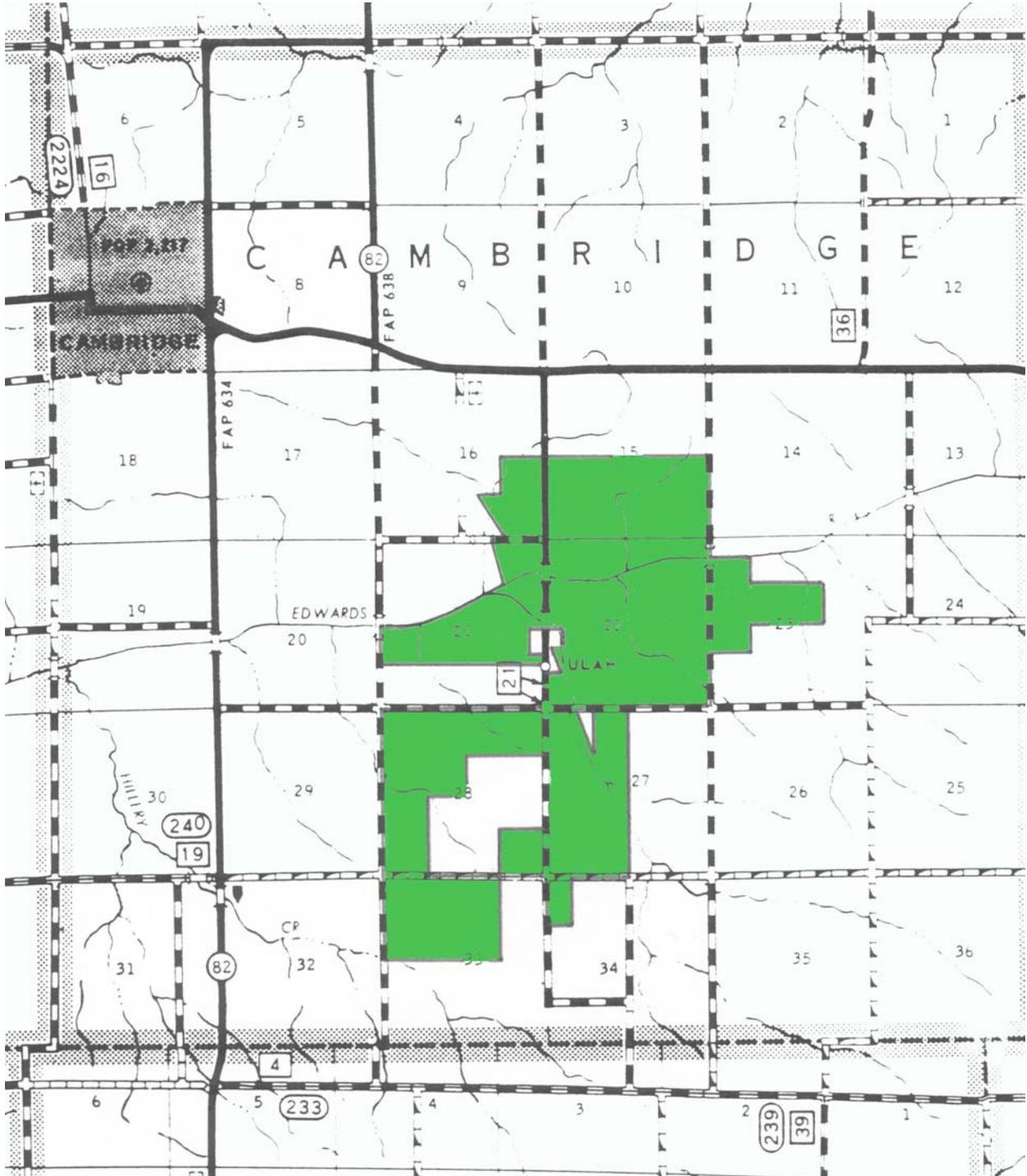
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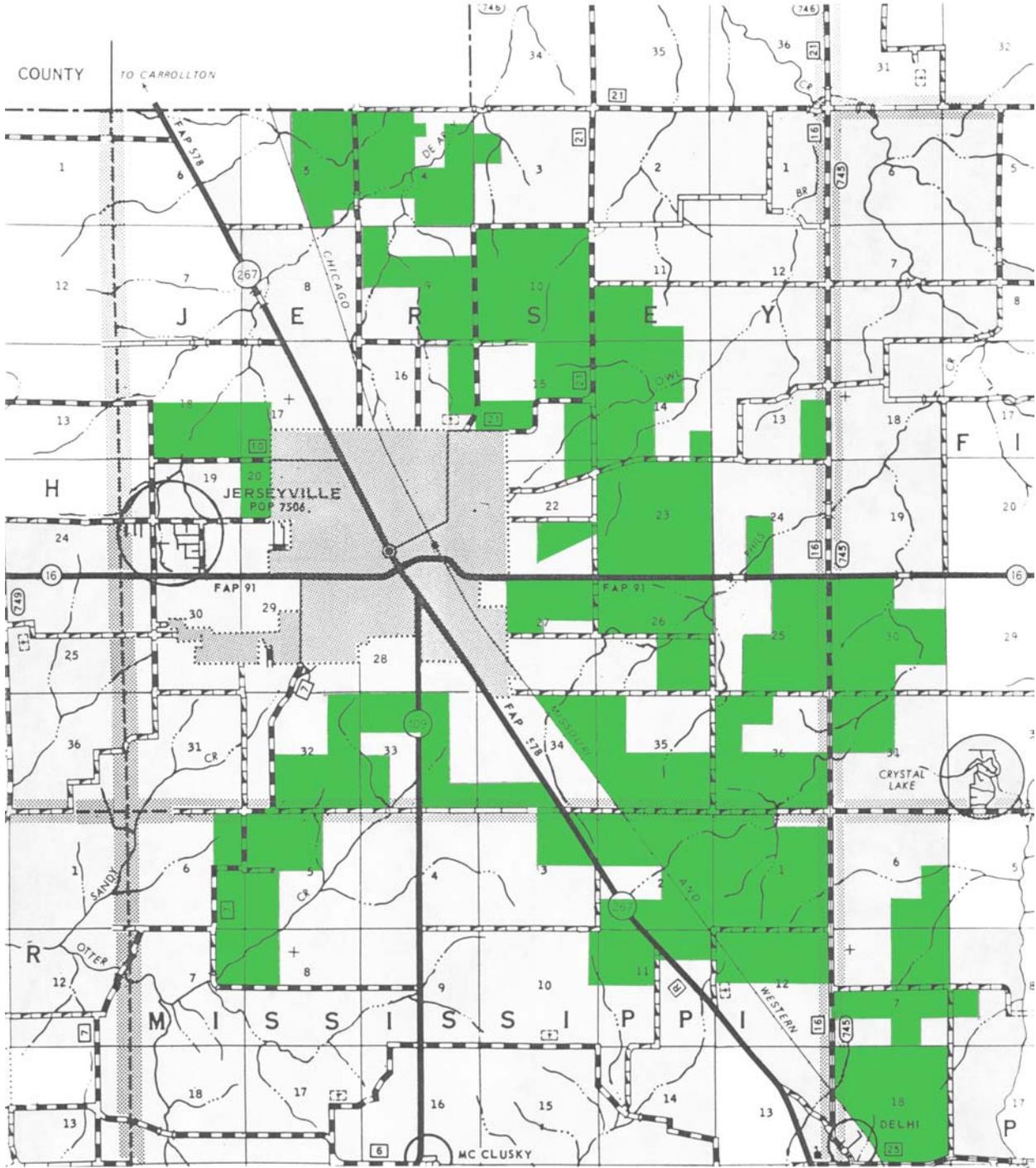
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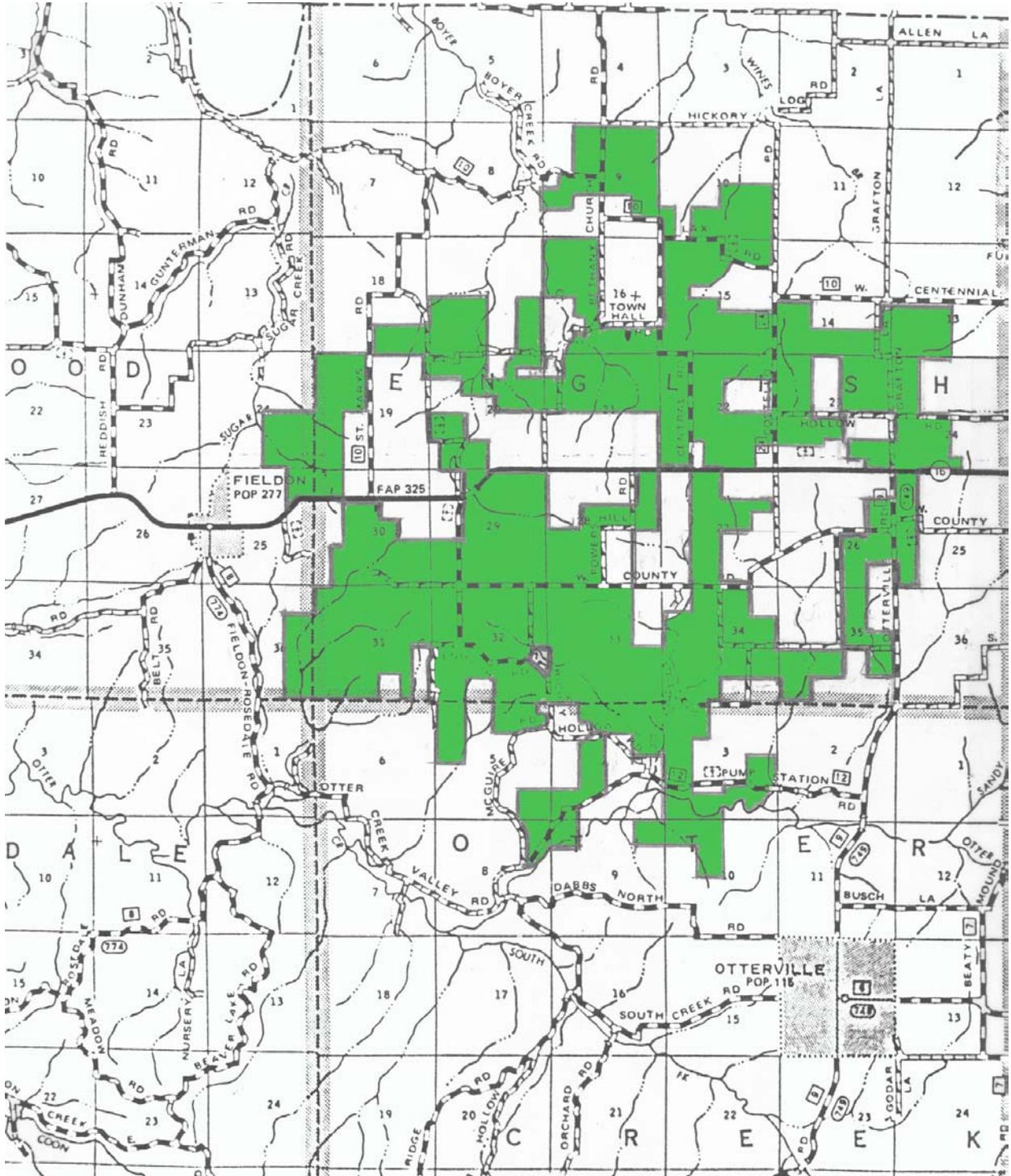
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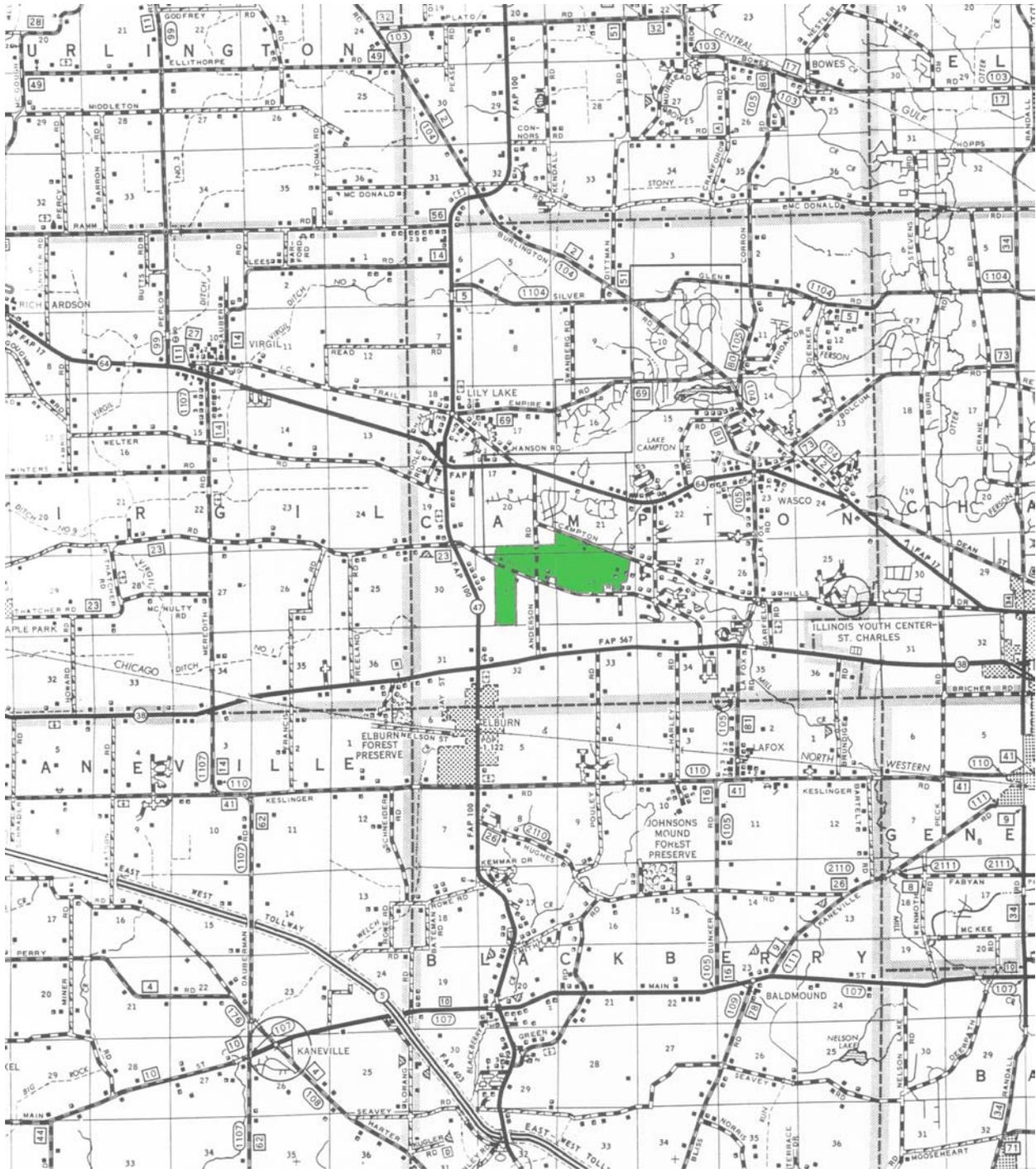
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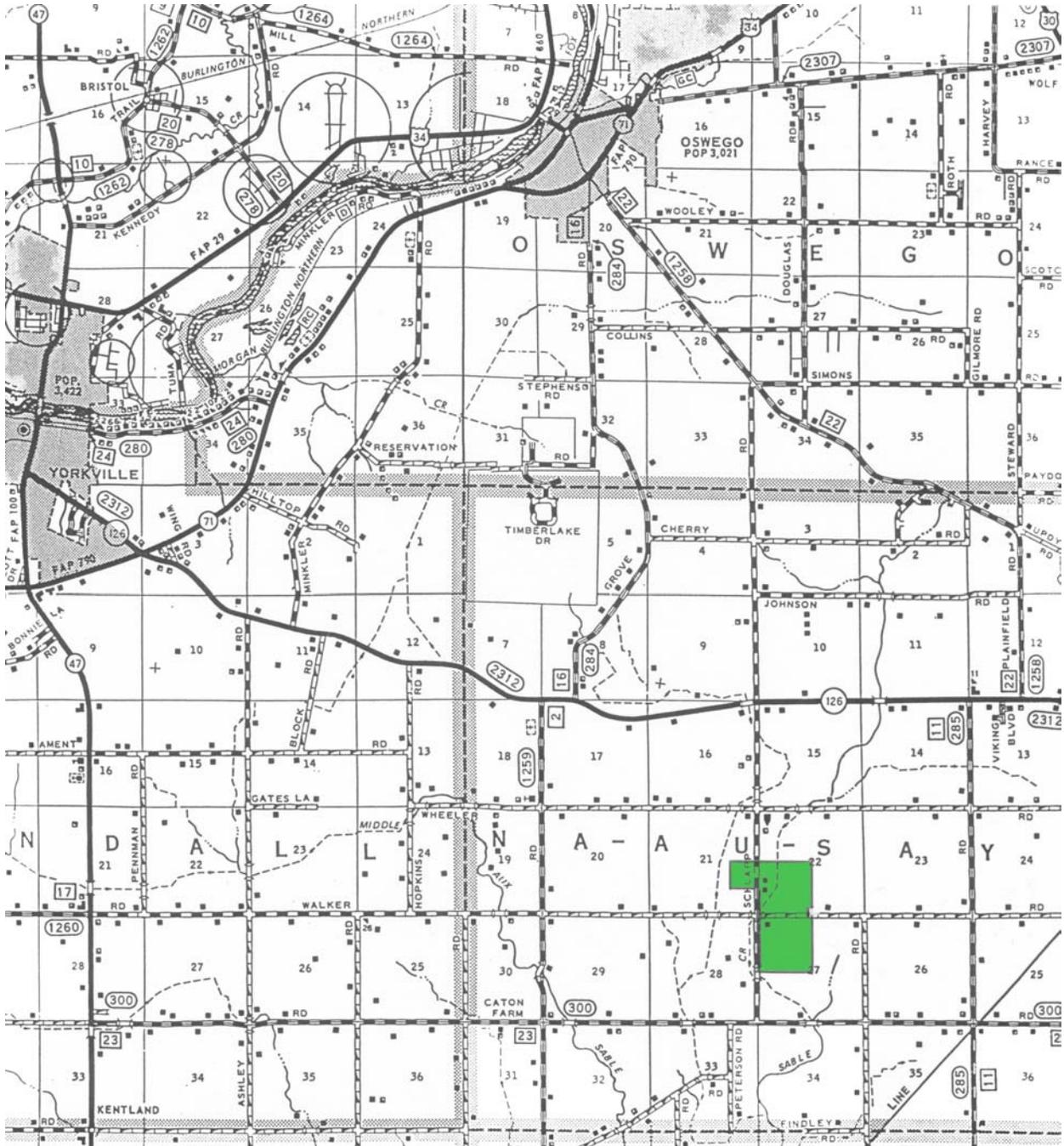
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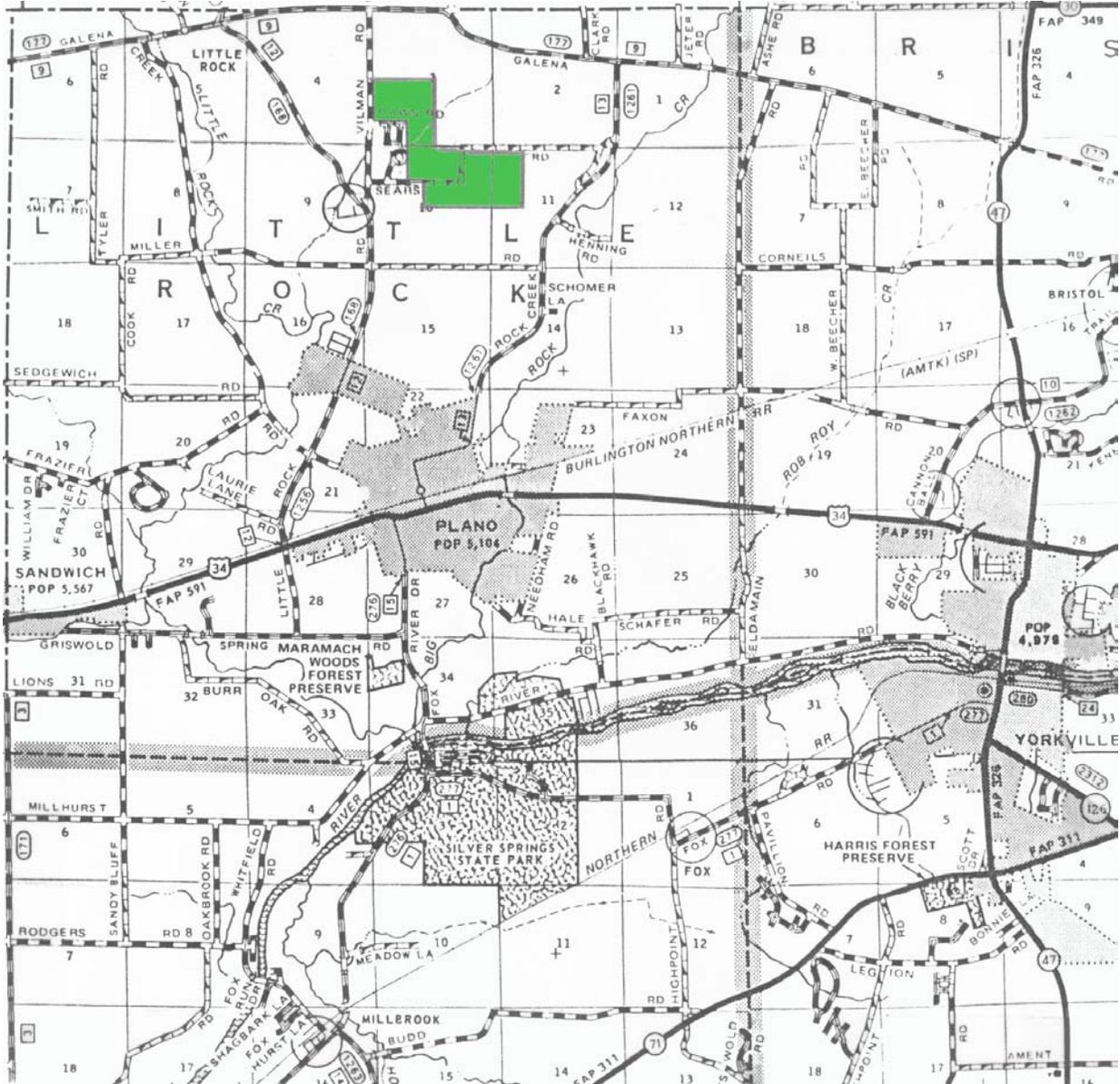
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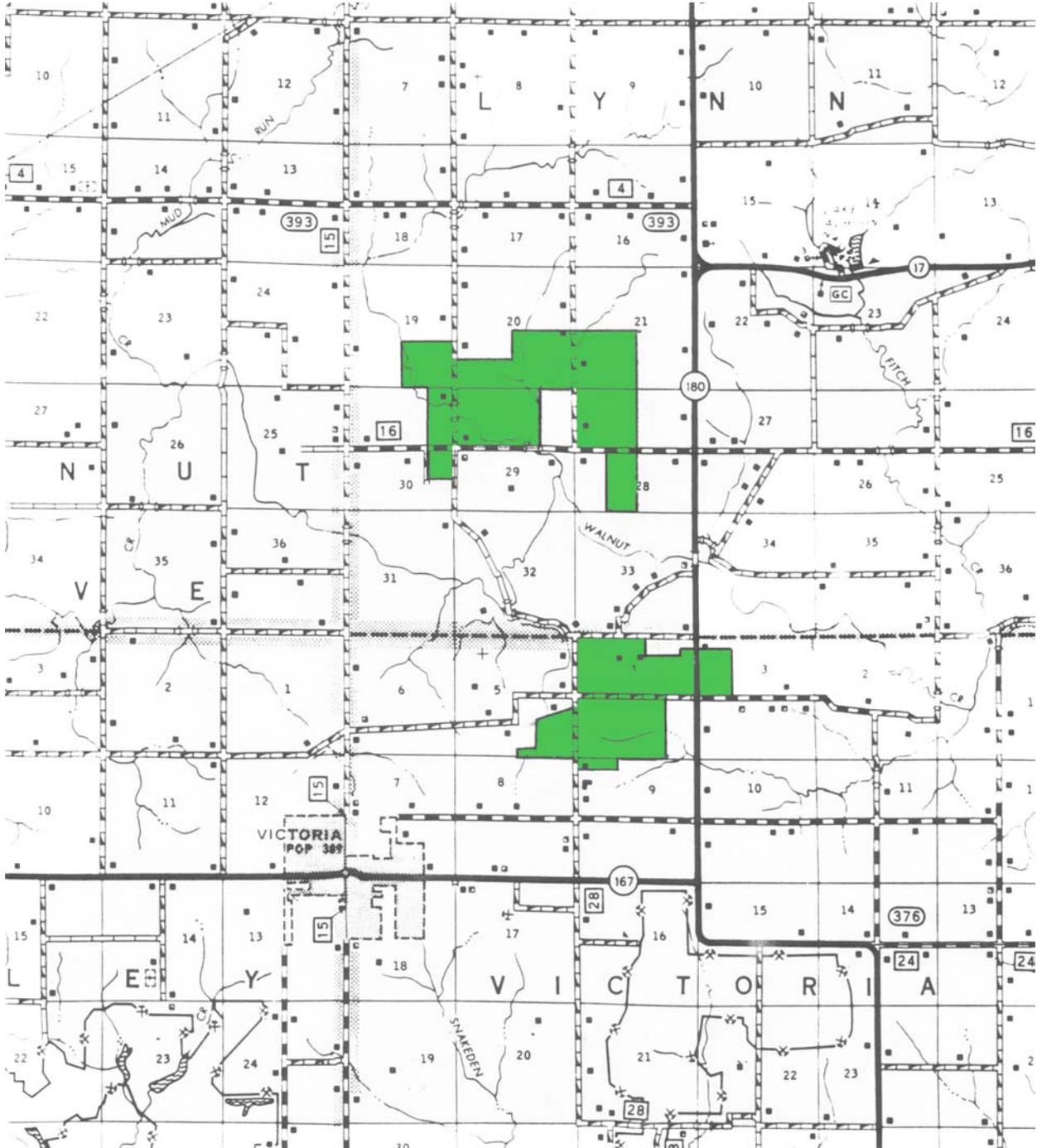
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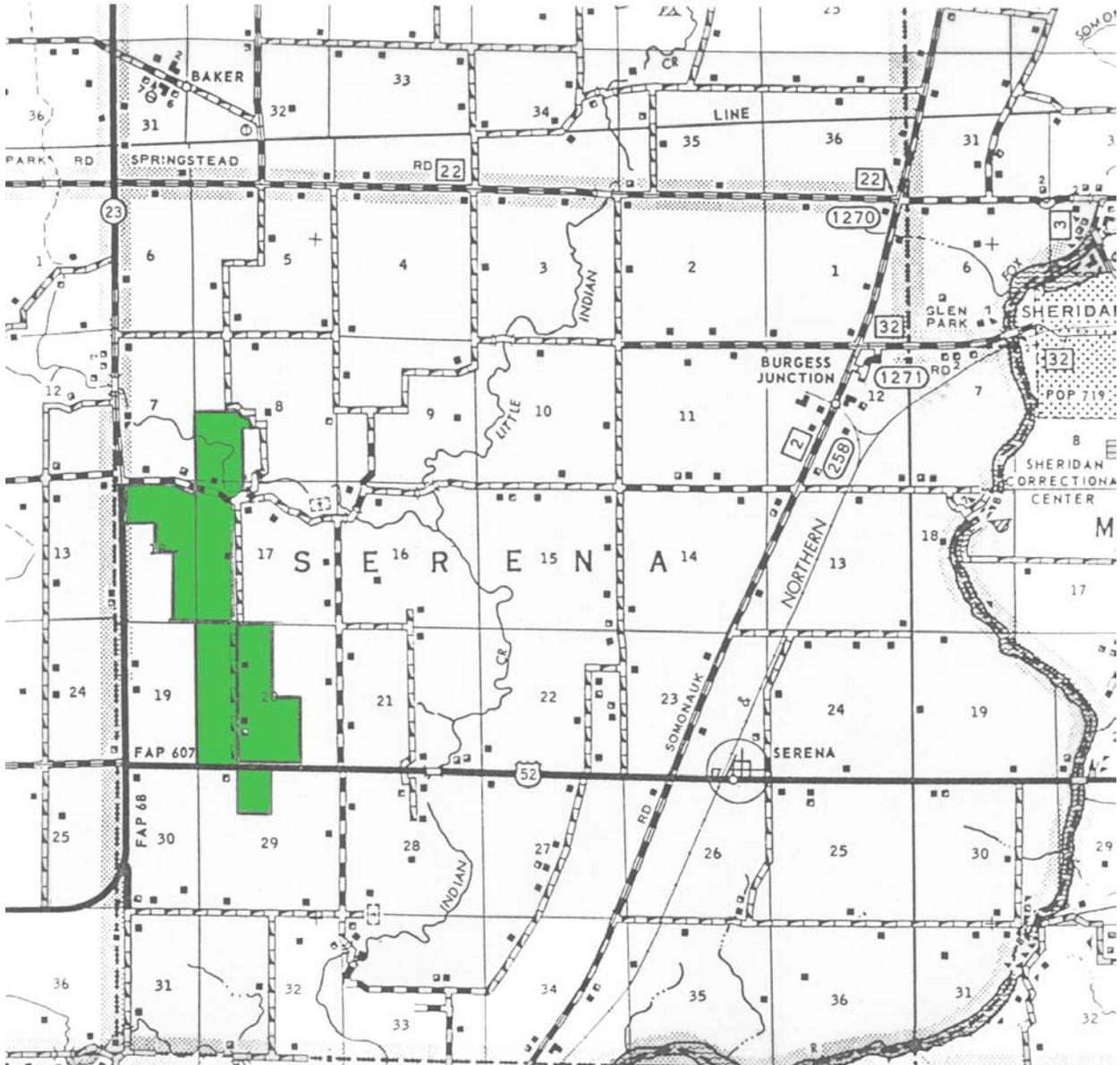
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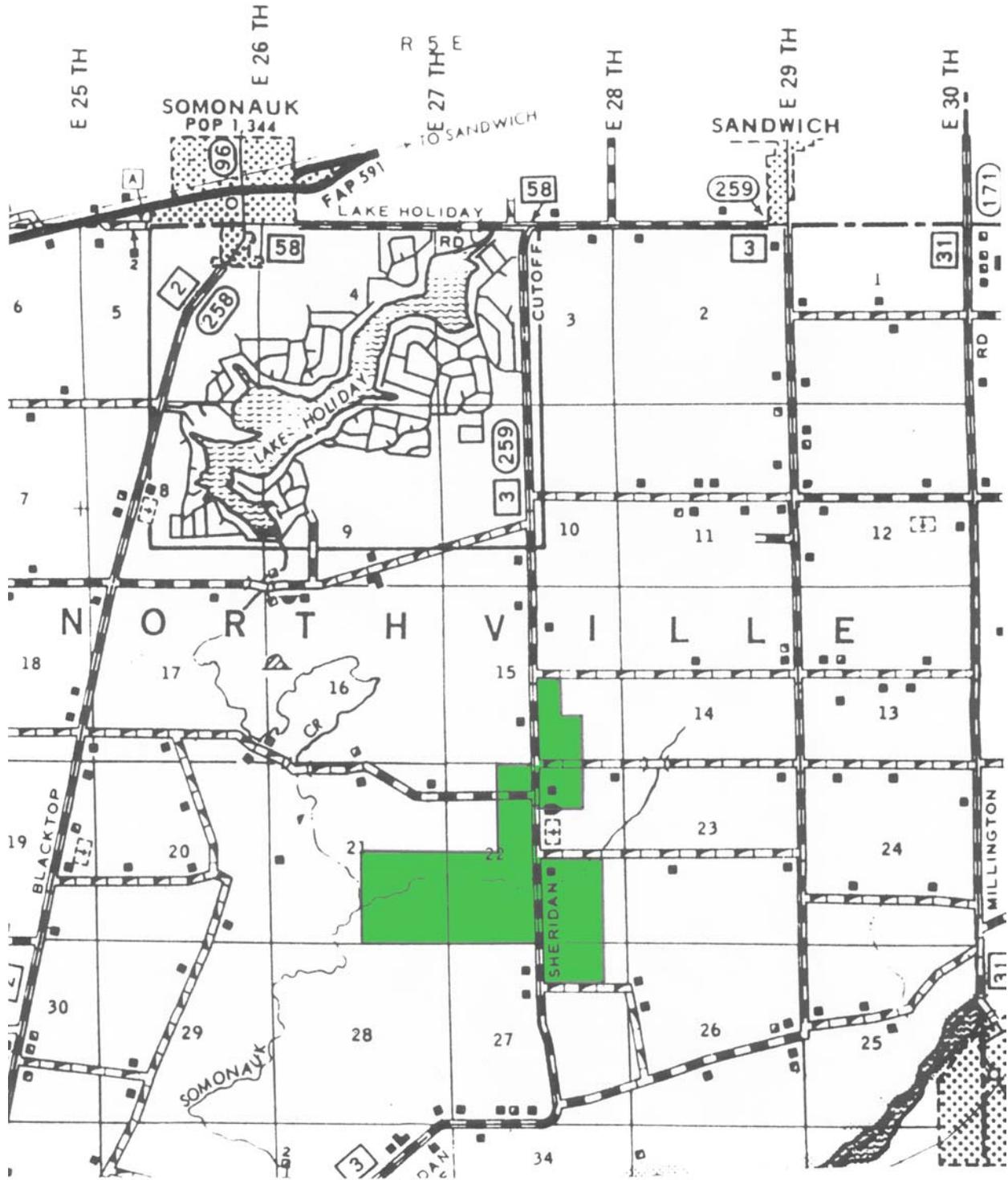
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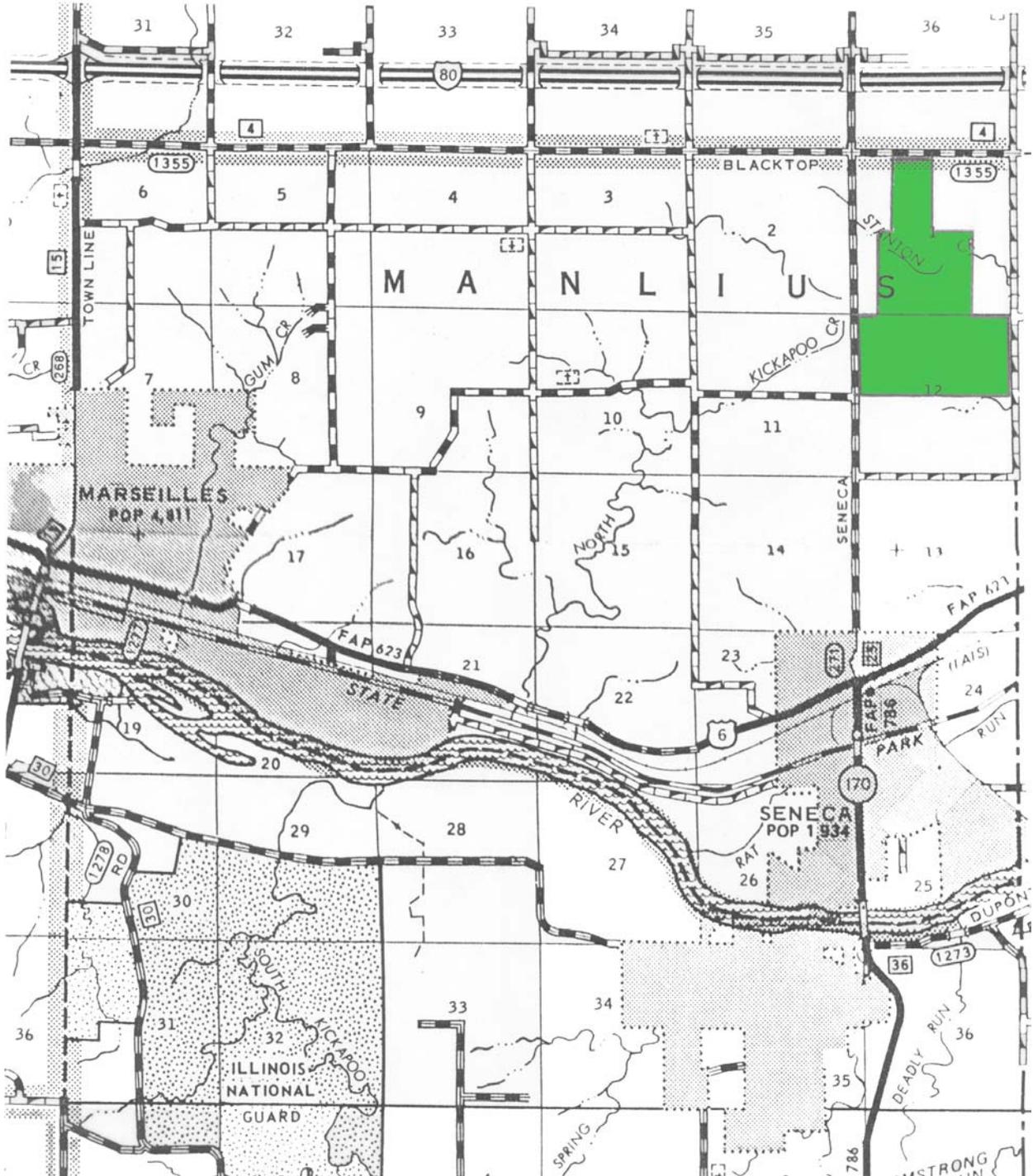
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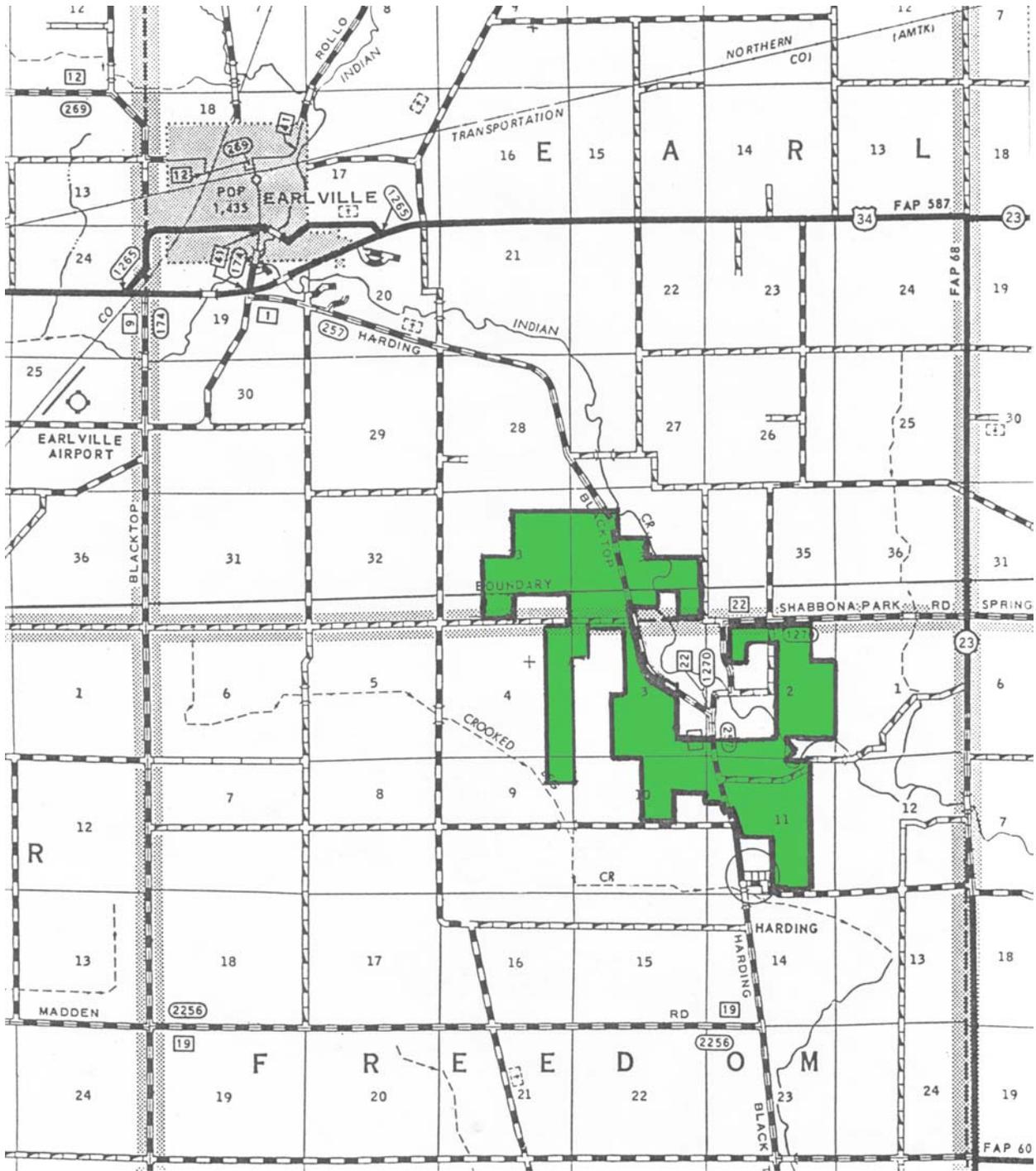
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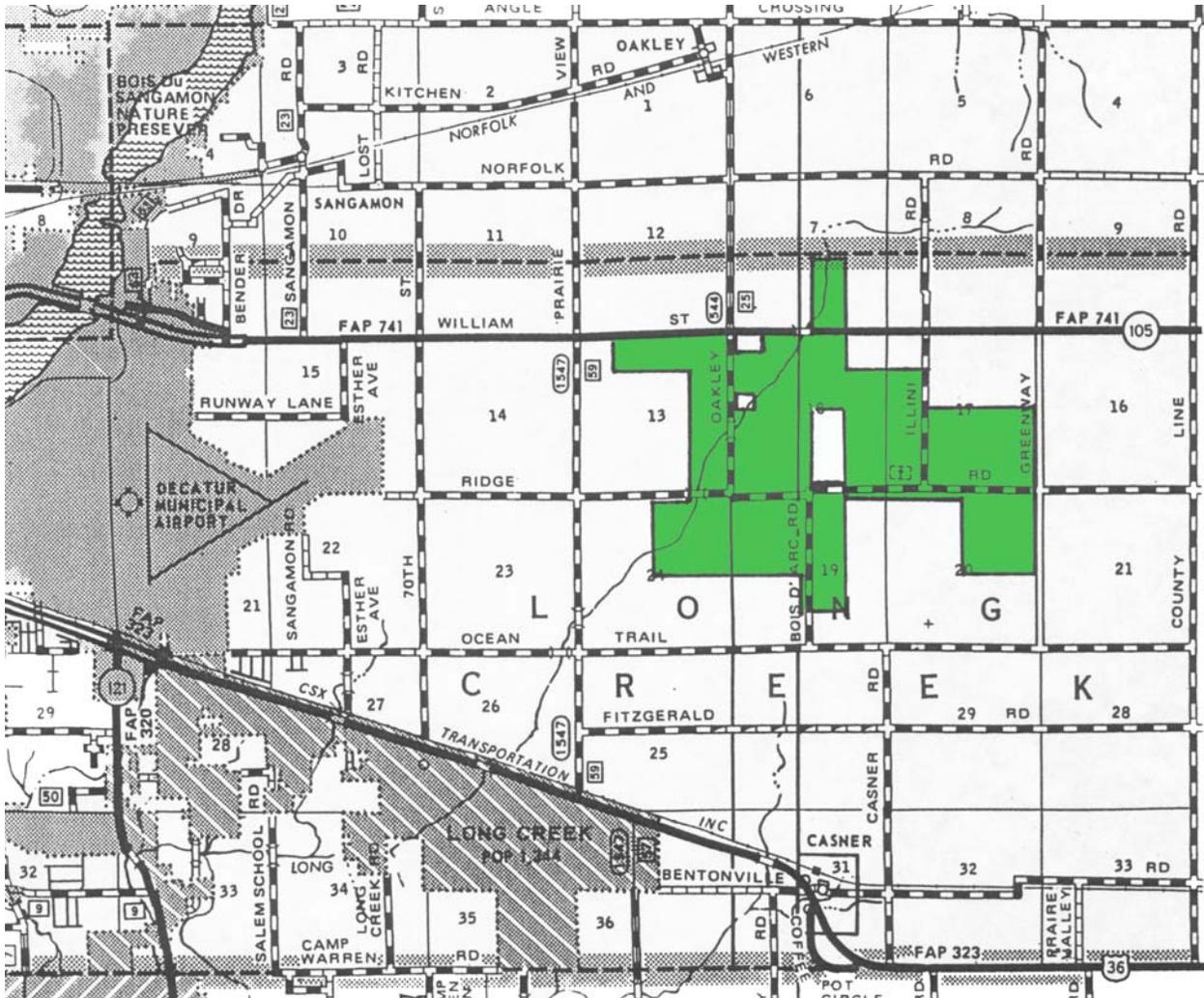
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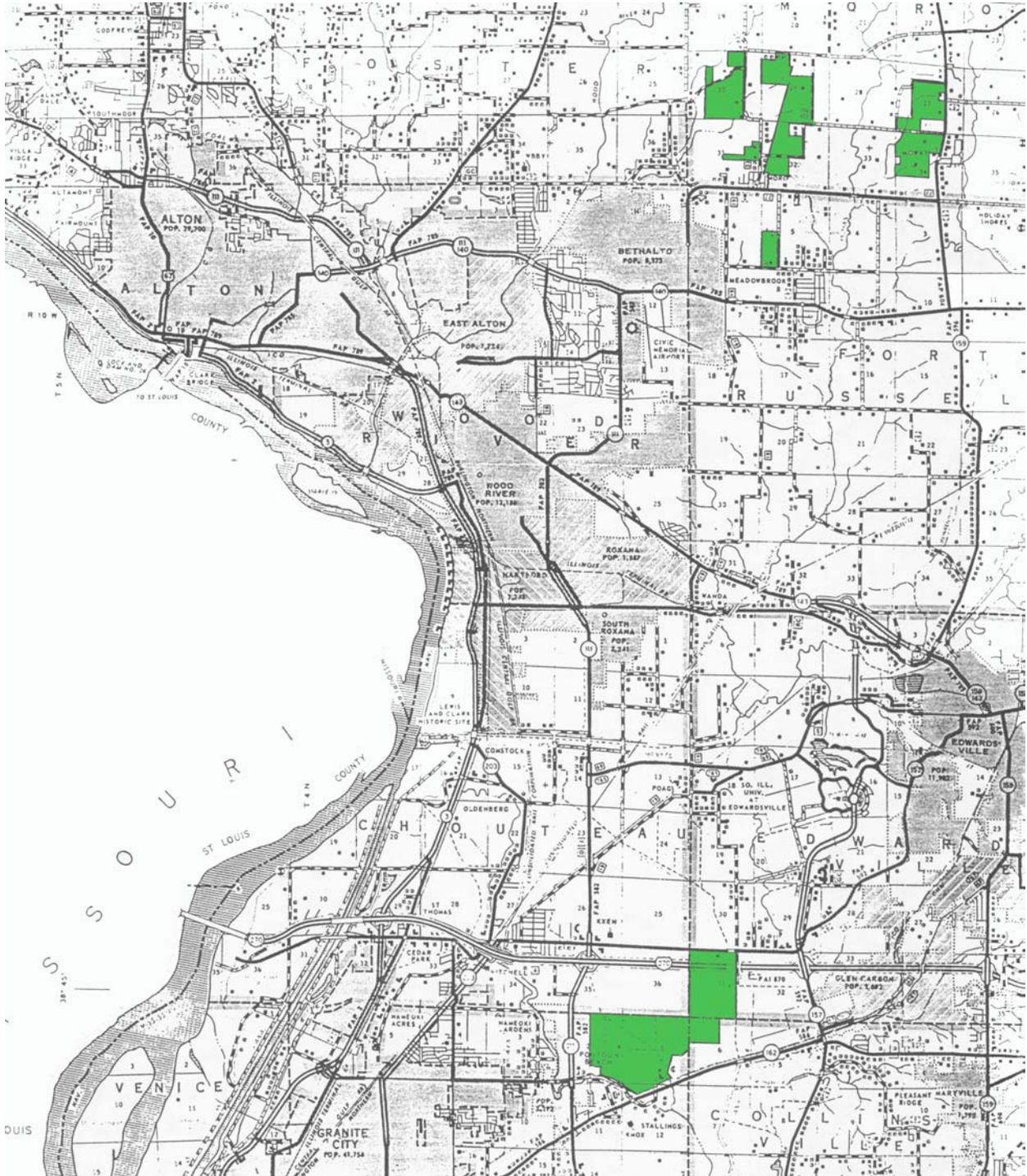
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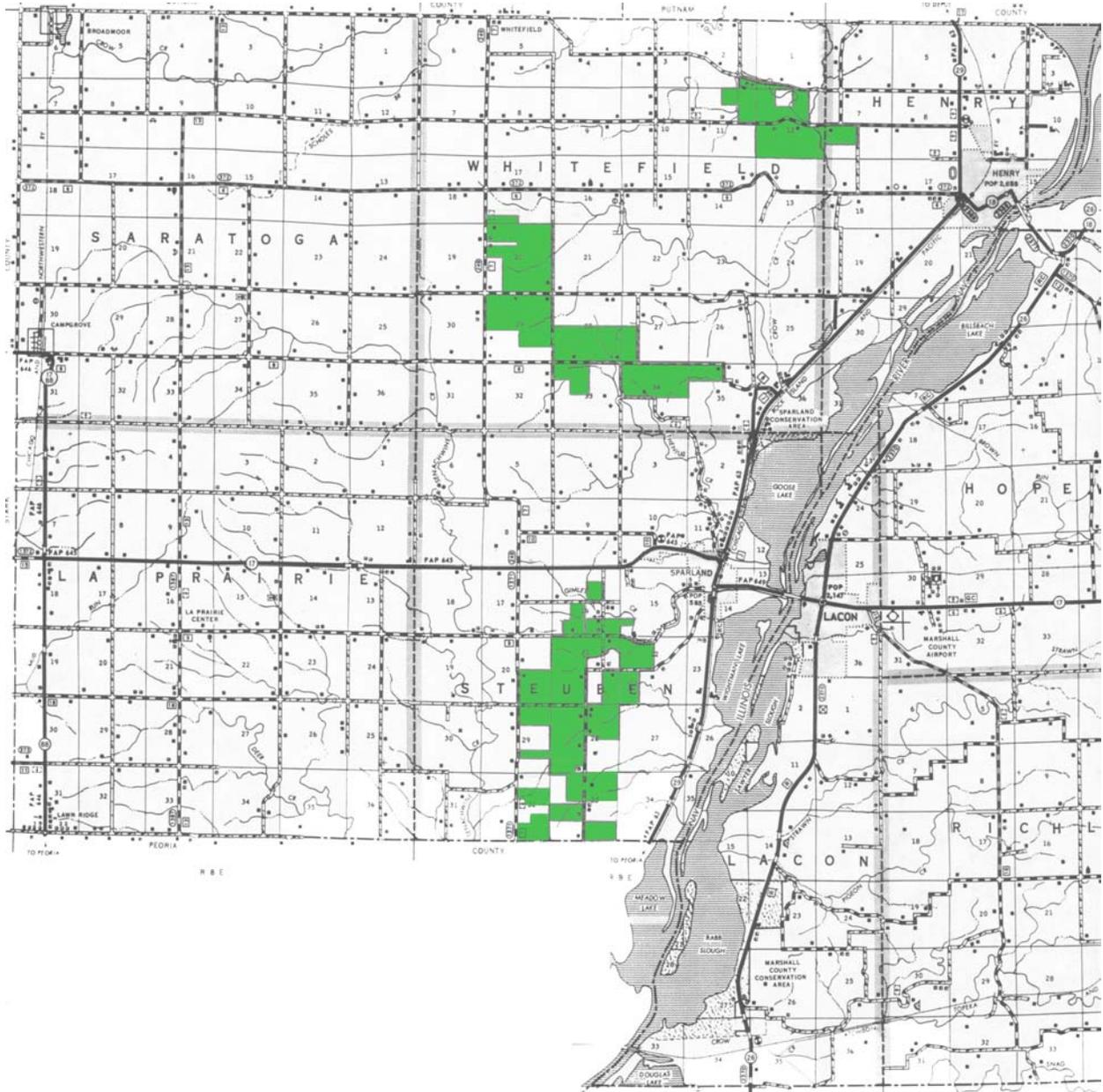
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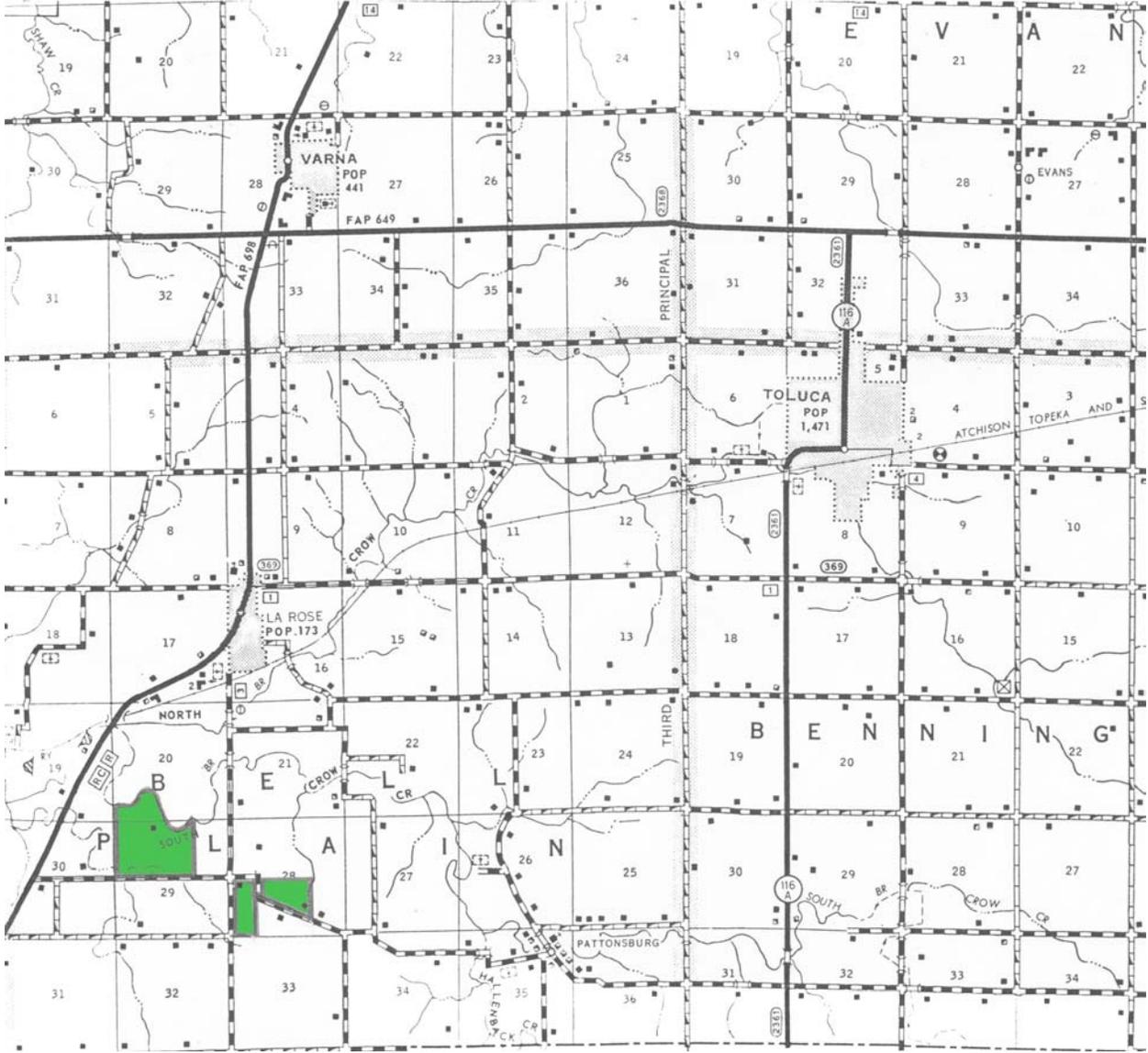
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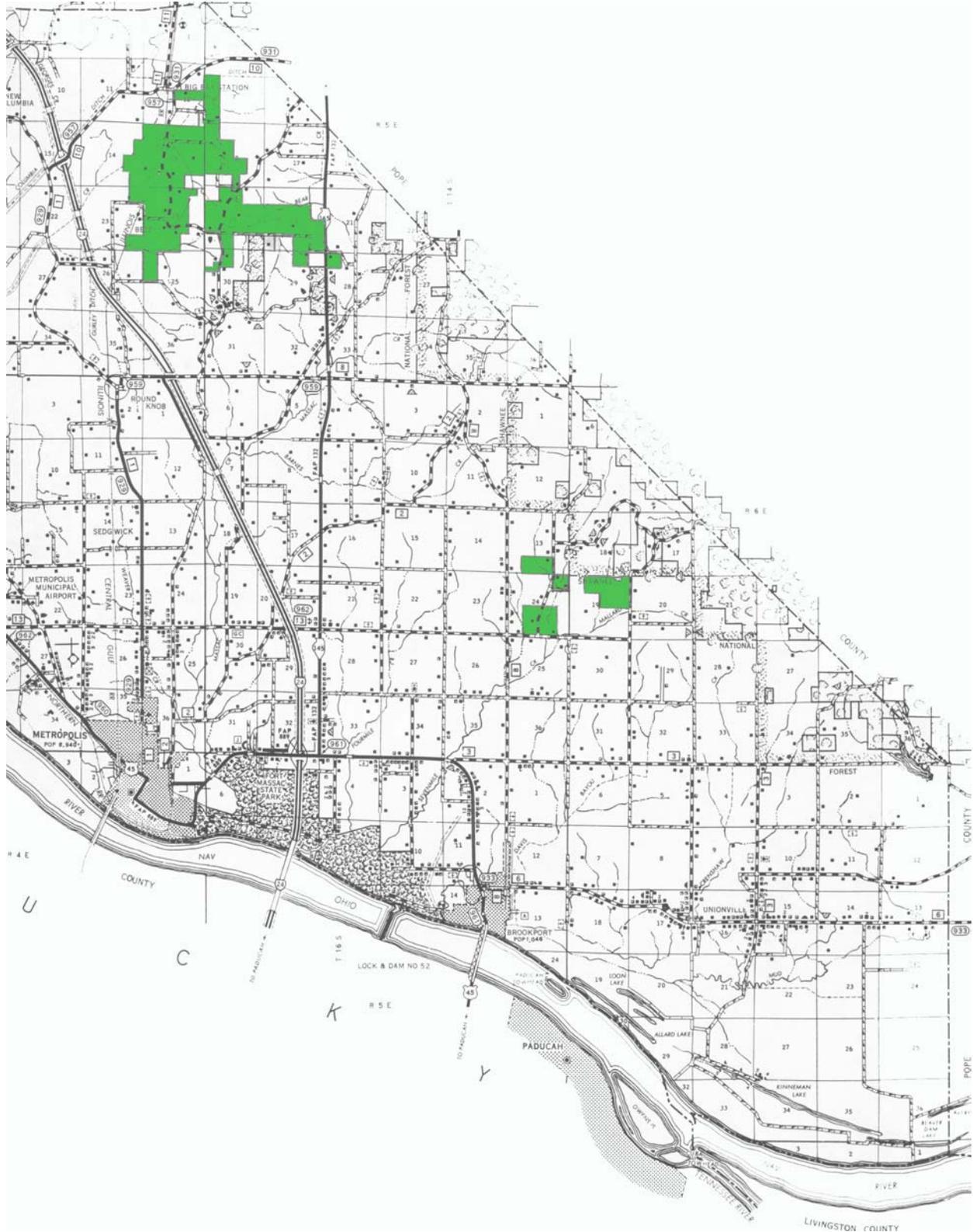
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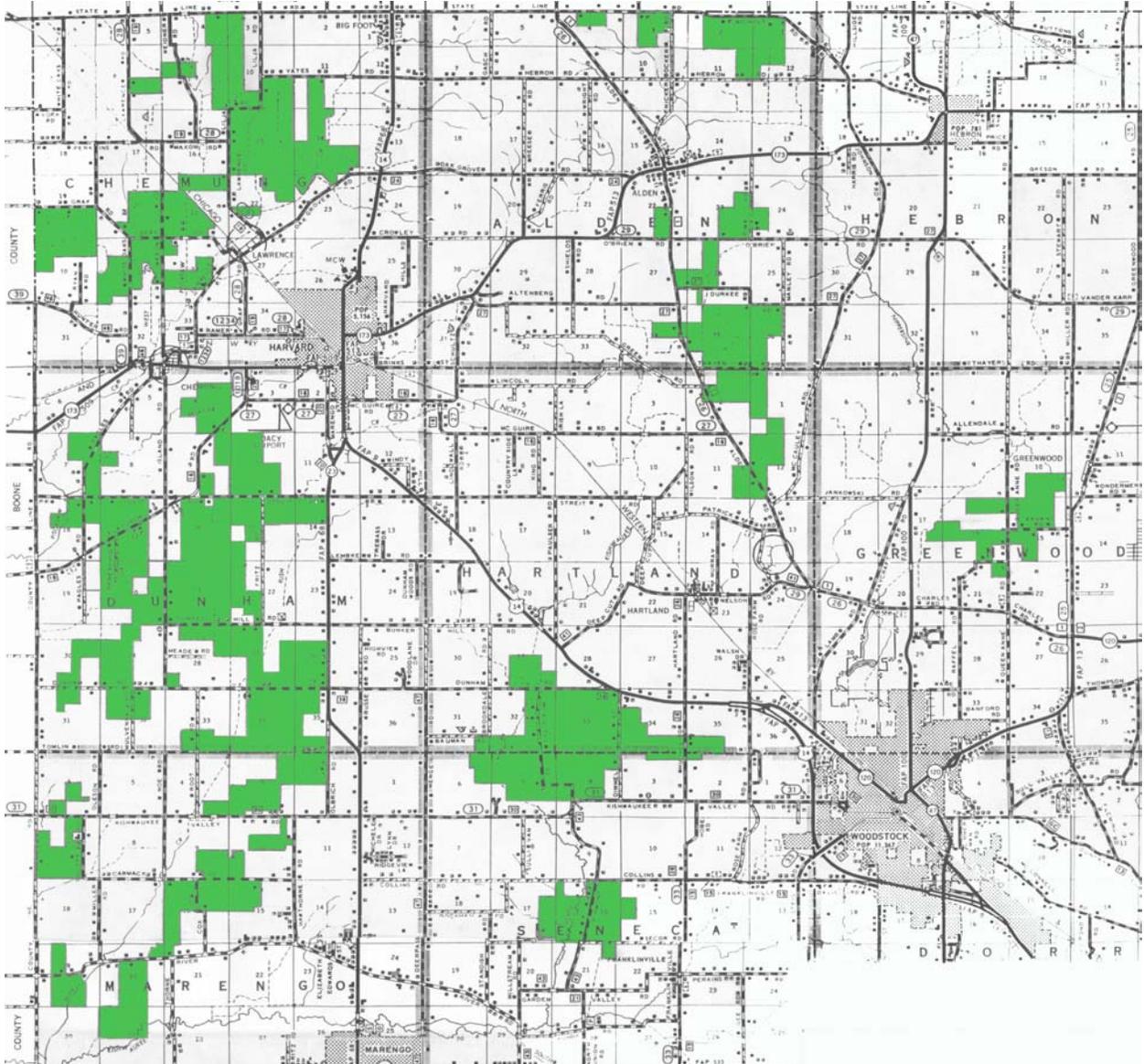
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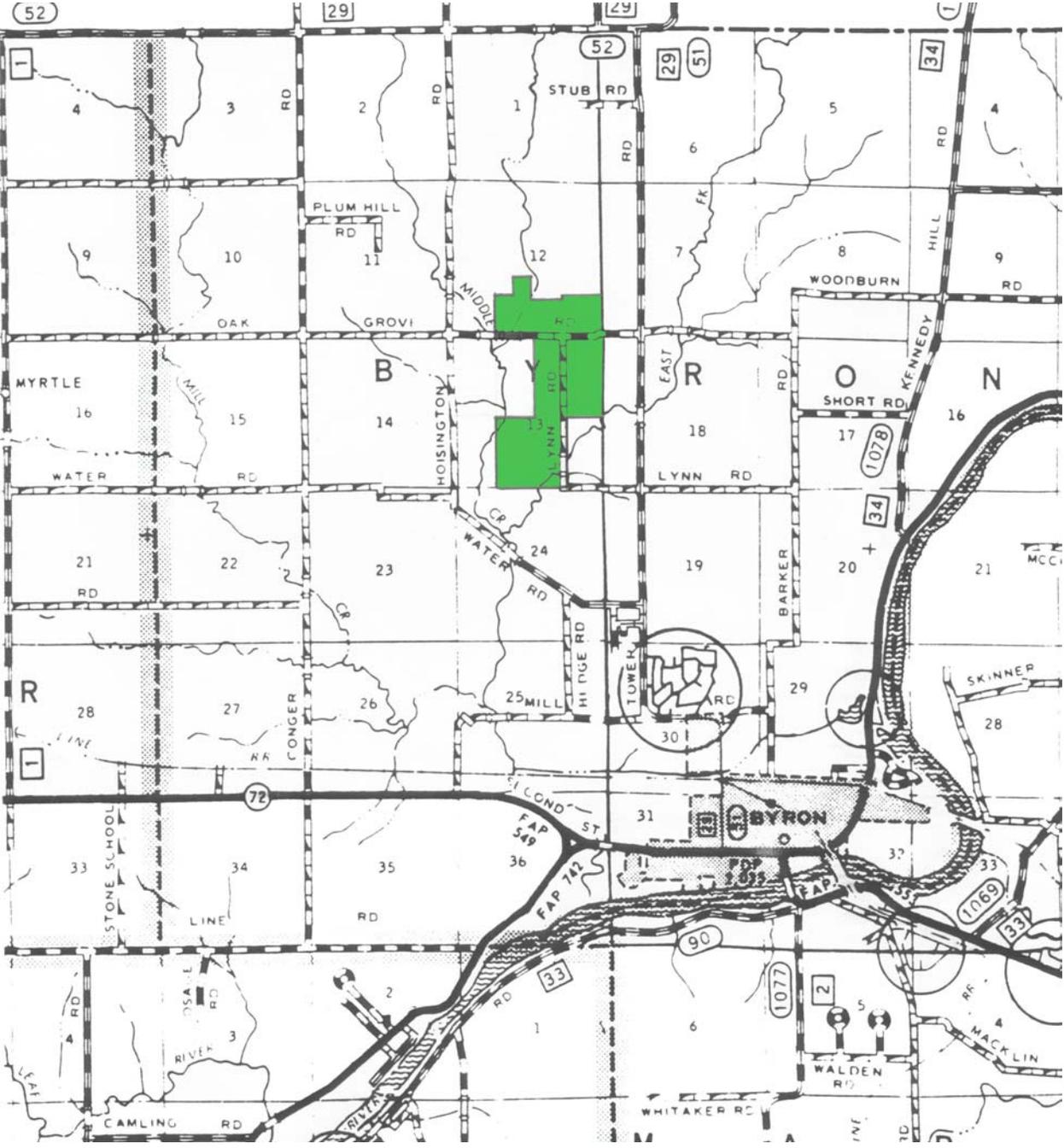
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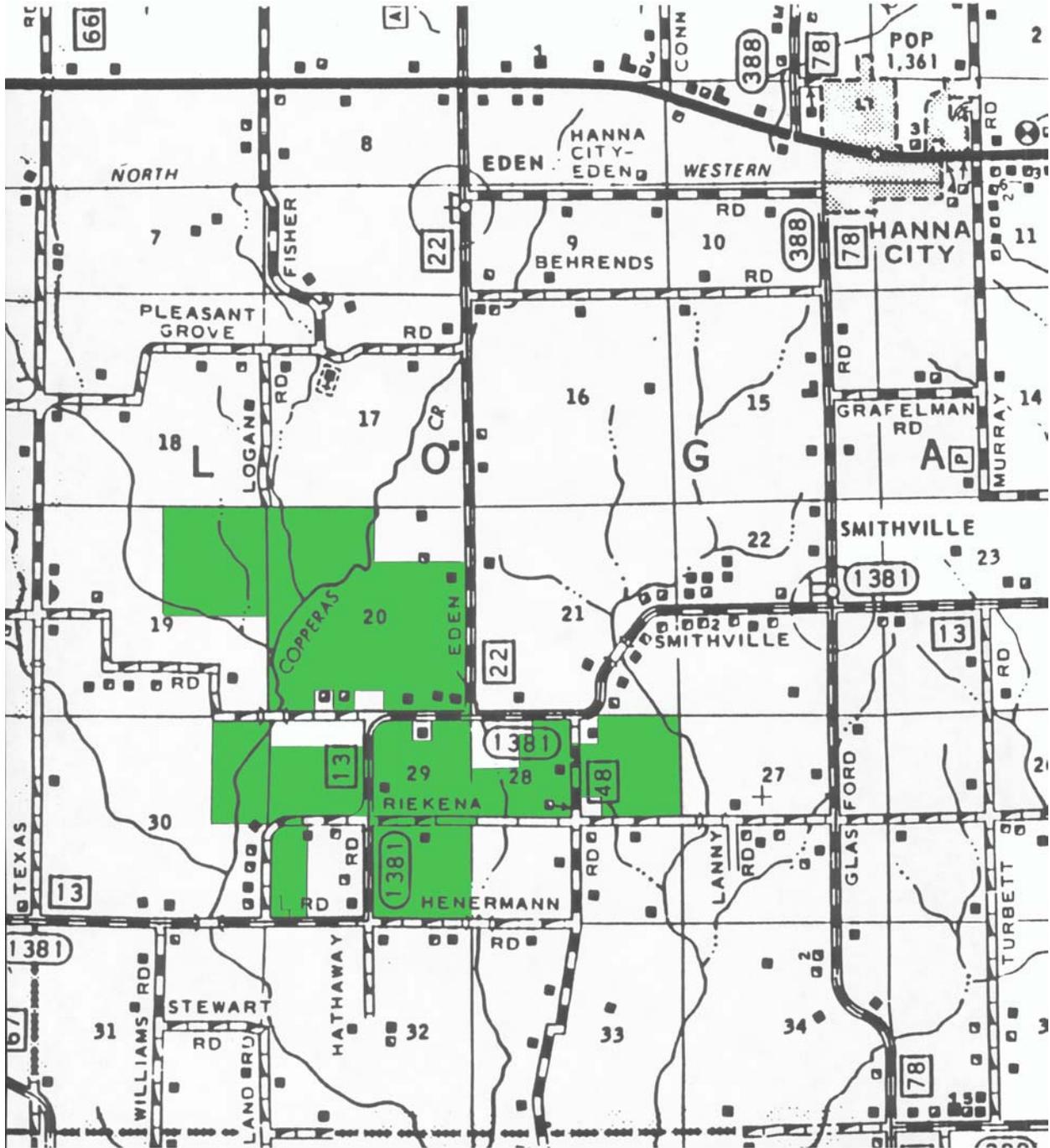
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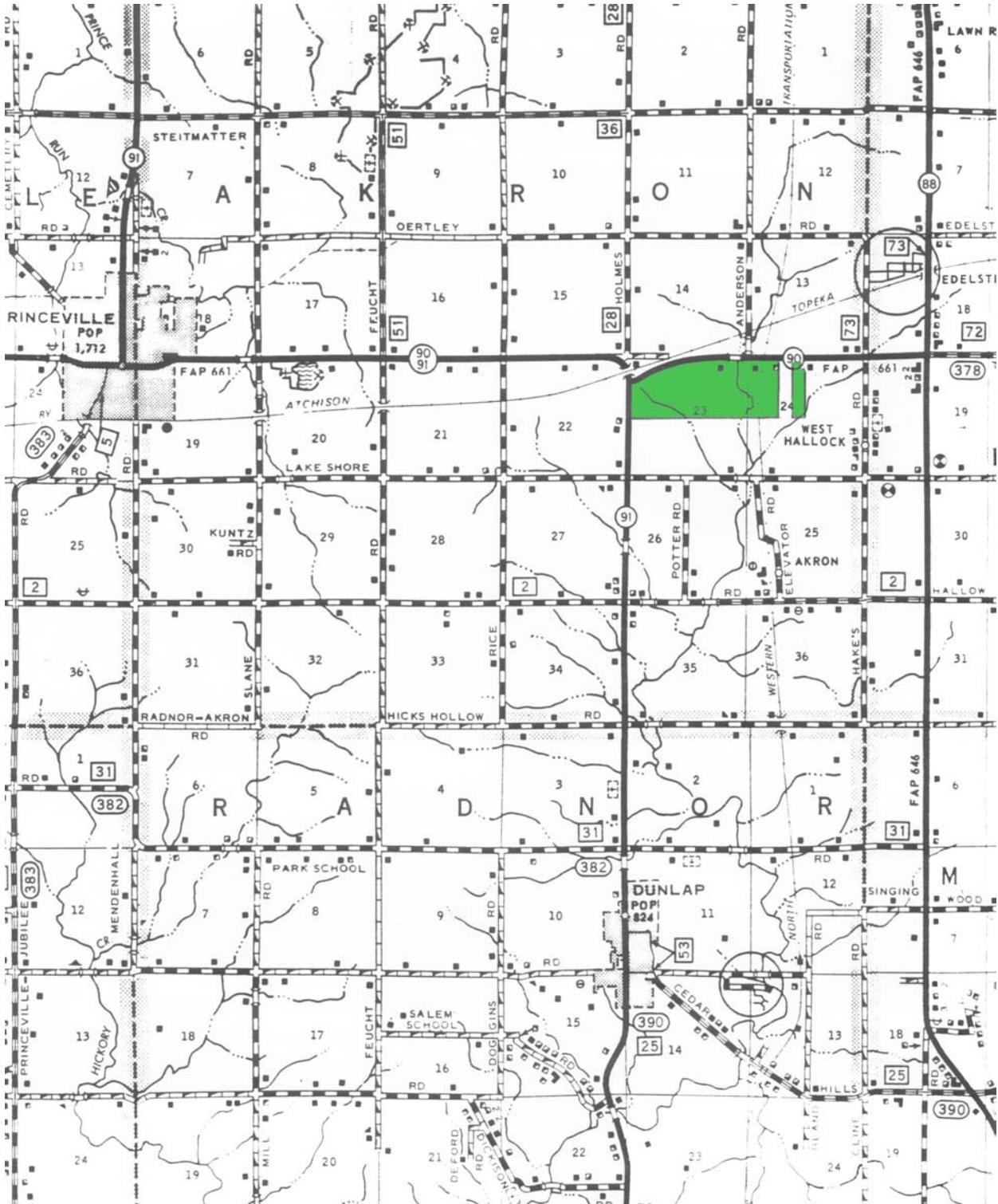
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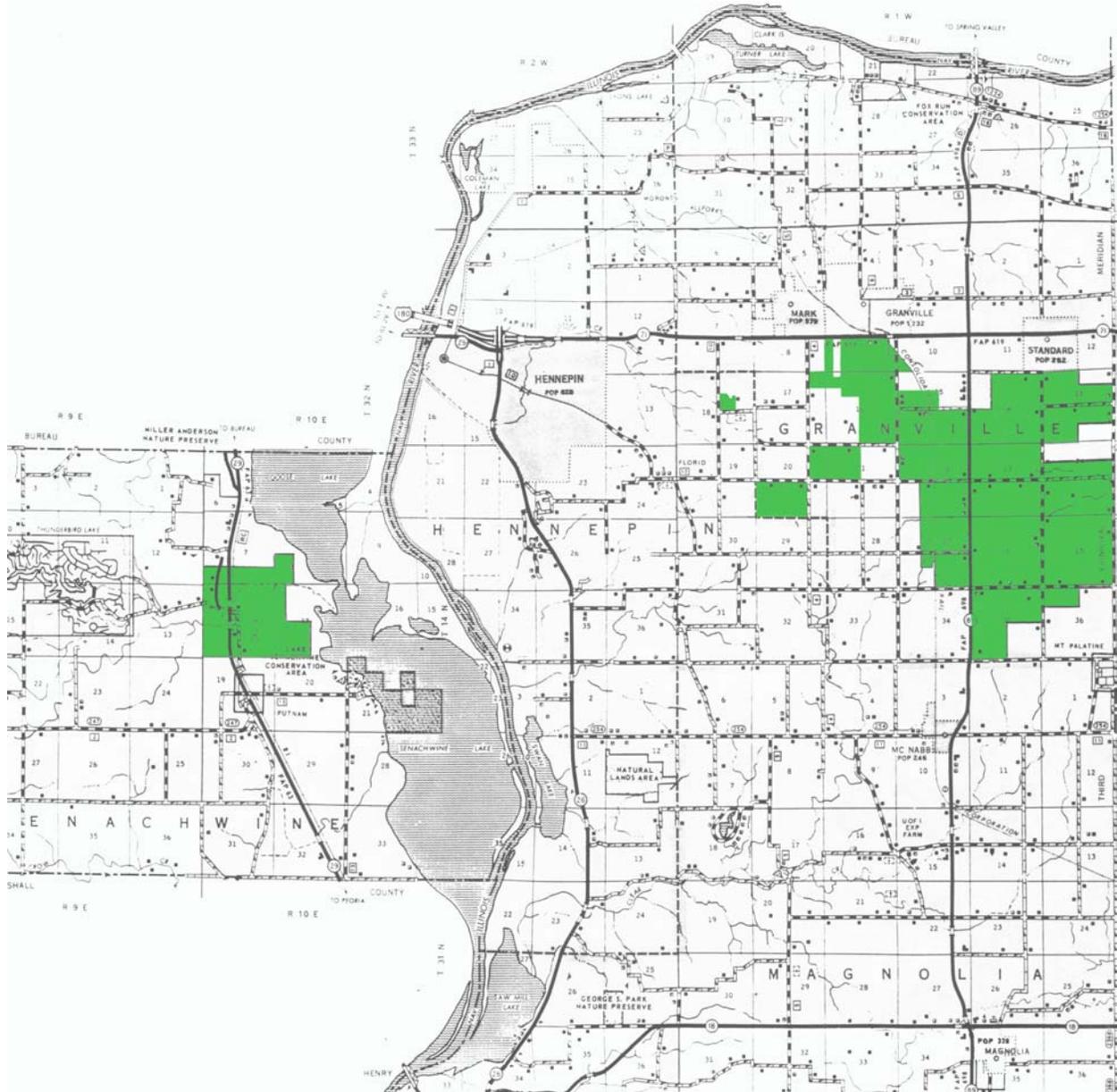
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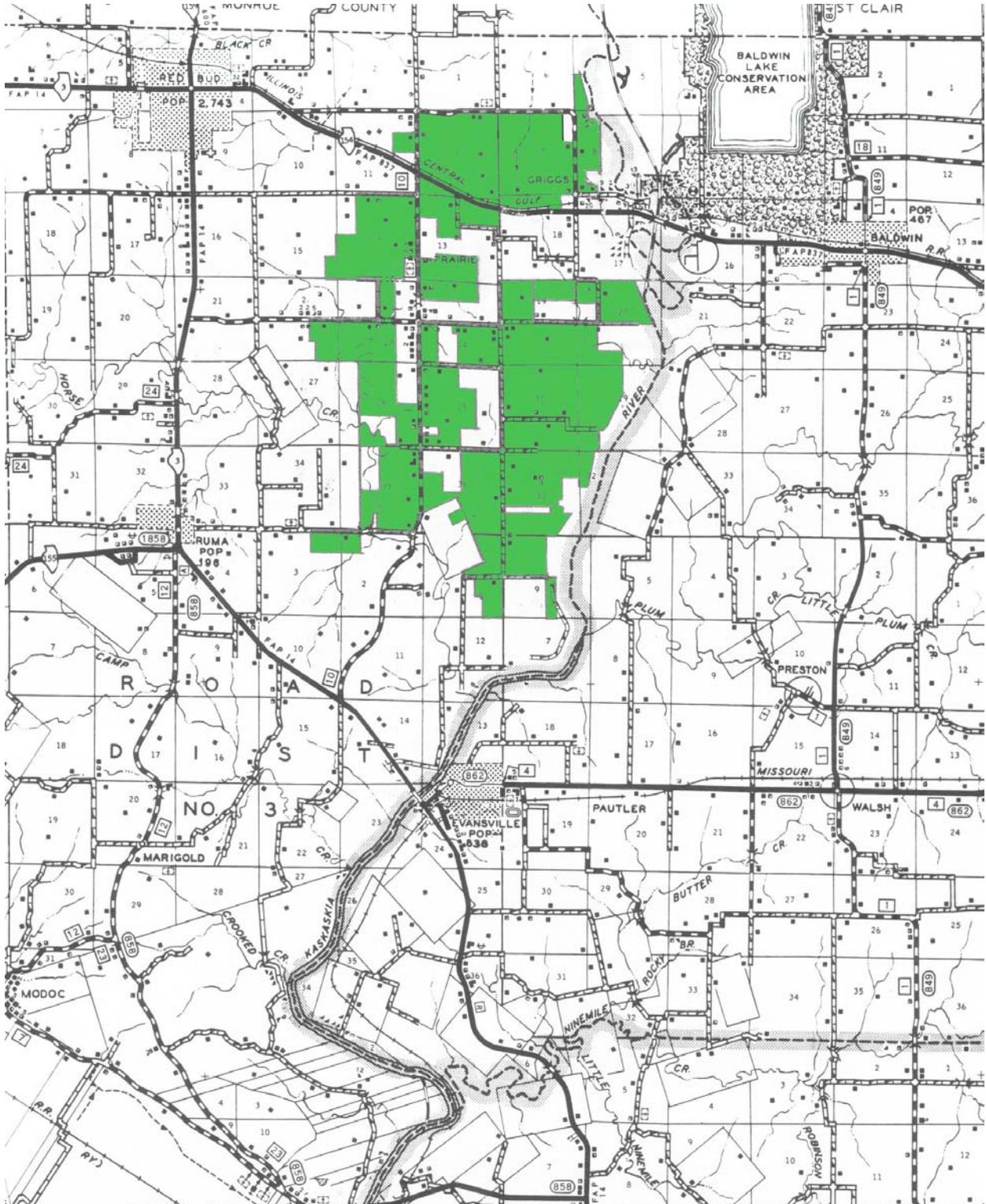
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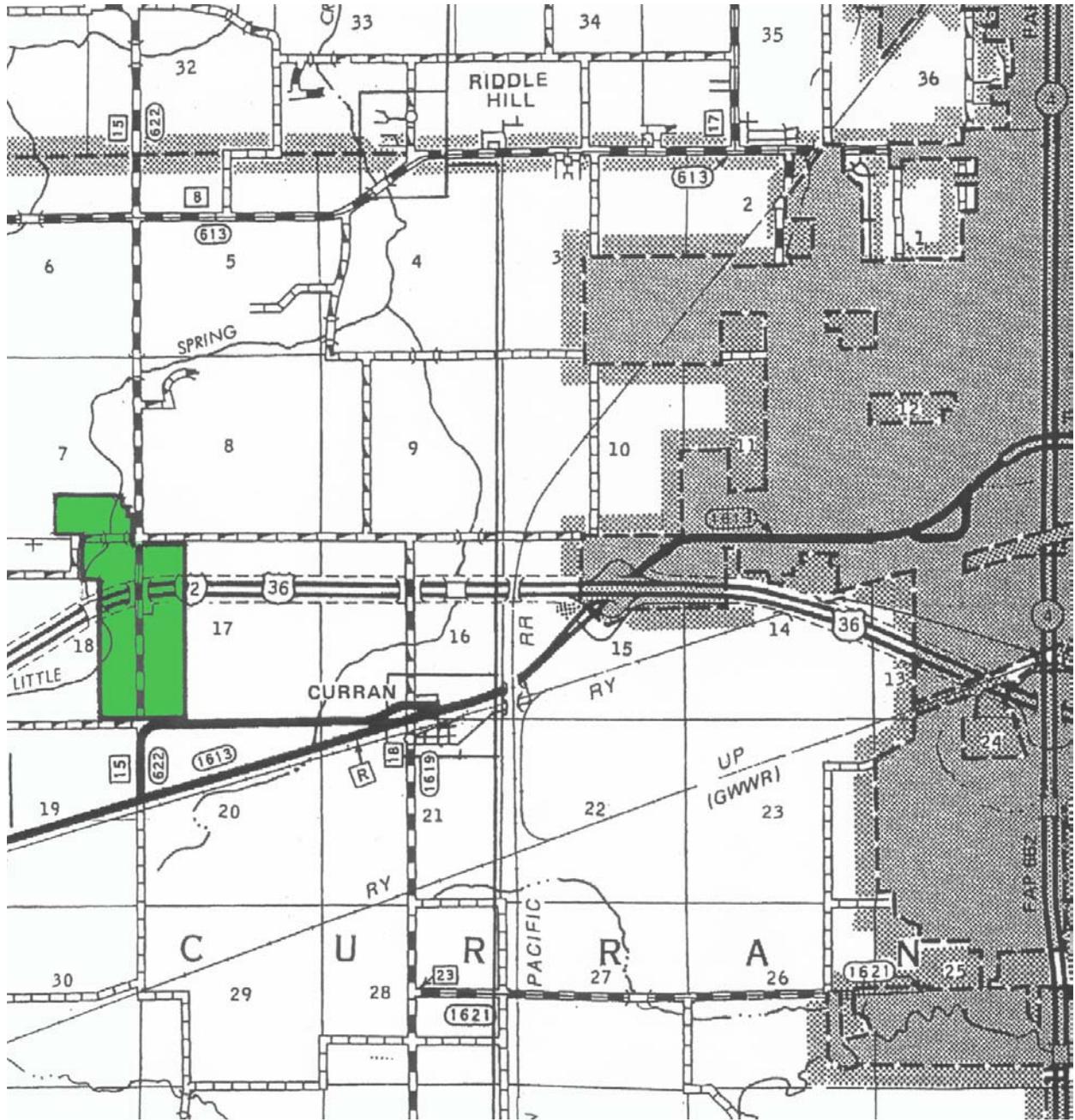
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